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### CPN members Alan Kelly, Leon Cross honored

## AARP recognizes Indian elders from every tribe in Oklahoma

**Oklahoma City, Okla.** – Tribal leaders, dancers, educators, artists, ministers, a drum maker, finger weaver, language preservationists, matriarchs, and patriarchs were among 50 older Indians recognized at the 2010 AARP Indian Elder Honors recently held on August 28 in Oklahoma City. Two members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation – Alan Kelly and Leon Cross – were among the elders recognized for their achievements.

“The extraordinary accomplishments of Indian elders from all parts of the state have left an indelible mark on their families, their tribes, their communities, and the state as a whole,” said AARP Oklahoma Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons. “Whether they served their tribes in a leadership position, devoted themselves to cultural preservation, or were simply a quiet source of strength to their family, this group of honorees embodies the qualities of AARP Founder Ethel Percy Andrus who lived by the motto: To serve and not to be served.”

Lyons said AARP is proud that honorees from all 38-federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma came together in unity and har-



*CPN elders Alan Kelly (center, left photo) and Leon Cross (center, right photo) pose with AARP officials (from left) Executive Vice President Harroll ‘Hop’ Backus, Oklahoma Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons, and National President-elect Robert Romasco.*



mony to honor the accomplishment of their elders. This is the second year AARP Oklahoma has held its Indian Elder Honors.

The program for the evening’s festivities offered these descriptions of the pair of CPN honorees:

**Leon Cross** (Citizen Potawatomi) - Indian name, *Was gishek* (Bright Sky). A dedicated volunteer at the Potawatomi Annual Festival, he is often found teaching young tribal members how to make bows or helping to set up and judge the annual archery contest that he helped start with his son. At

the age of 80, he began to study the Potawatomi language and has since become quite fluent. He can now give invocations in the native language. He is an example that a person is never too old to start something new, most recently having participated in his first sweat lodge. He is an inspiration to Potawatomi tribal members and everyone he meets.

**Alan Kelly** (Citizen Potawatomi) - tribal name *Knotko* (Low-flying Eagle). After retirement, Mr. Kelly returned to Oklahoma where he immediately got involved with efforts to understand and preserve cultural histories. He has devoted himself to learning his native language and ceremonies so they can be passed on to future generations. He makes traditional medicine pouches and wooden pieces for feather fans which are given to family members for Potawatomi ceremonies. Alan is a member of Sustainable Shawnee, which promotes environmental sustainability, where he exhibits his deep respect for the environment.

Among special guests at the event, which was held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, were AARP

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# Walking On

## James C. Glasgow Jr.



James Carnell Glasgow Jr., 66, was born non April 27, 1944. He walked on on July 20, 2010. He is survived by two daughters, Christina Ann Parker and Kathryn Marie Riley, and Heather Dawn Glasgow; his mother, Edith Wash; seven grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Bill Howse; a brother and sister-in-law, Andy

and Toni Glasgow; an uncle, John Bergeron of Earlsboro, Oklahoma; an aunt, Alice Greenwalt of Shawnee, Oklahoma; other relatives and loved ones; and a host of beloved friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Carnell Glasgow Sr., and a brother, Joseph Glasgow.

James made a profession of faith when he was six years old. He was active in Southern Baptist churches in Tulsa and Poteau, Oklahoma, Katy, Texas, and Calgary, Ontario, Canada.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and received training as an electronics technician at Keisler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He served in Vietnam, and flew with Air Force I during the Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon presidential' administrations. He was on the worldwide champion track team for two years.

After eight years in the Air Force, he was employed by Seismograph Services, Inc. of Tulsa then by the Gulf Oil and Chevron oil companies in Houston, Texas and Calgary.

While semi-retired, he and his daughters operated Jim's Fireside BBQ in Shady Point, Oklahoma. He later was a forestry park attendant at Cedar Lake, Porum Land-ing, and Talimena state parks in Oklahoma.

A memorial service was held in the Evans and Miller Funeral Home in Poteau, with the Rev. Bill Howse officiating. Special music was rendered by Theresa Tecumseh, a friend from Wanette, Oklahoma.

Jim's old faithful and ailing registered Basenji hound, Isis, awakened him twice as he was going into insulin shock. Upon Jim's request, his daughters had her euthanized on the morning of the funeral, and she lay curled under his knees behind the throw.

They were cremated. Some ashes will be scattered at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly at a Family reunion. The remainder were buried in Jim's father's grave at the Oakland Cemetery in Poteau.

## Jack O'Neal Kennedy

Jack O'Neal Kennedy passed away at 4:20 a.m. on August 18, 2010 at age 87 at F.D. Moore Care Center in Rifle, Colorado.

A memorial service for Mr. Kennedy was held at Grace Bible Baptist Church in Battlement Mesa, Colorado. A second memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at Westminster Church of the Nazarene in Denver, with Mr. Kennedy's pastor, Lois Lloyd, officiating.

Mr. Kennedy was buried at Crown Hill Mortuary.

City, Oklahoma, a daughter of Herman Ed-ward and May Edith (Smith) Anderson, She departed this life at 12:54 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2010 in the Phelps County Re-gional Medical Center in Rolla, Missouri. Mrs. Graves had attained the age of 61 years, three months, and five days.

Mrs. Graves was a member of the Citi-zen Potawatomi Nation and had worked as a salesperson. Her father and four brothers, Jimmy, David, Jerry, and Bobby Joe Ander-son, preceded her in death.

Those left to mourn the passing of Mrs. Graves include two daughters and sons-in-law, Lynn and Christopher Corbin of Overbrook, Kansas and Tonya and Merrideth (Scott) Corbin of Dixon, Missouri; five grandchildren, Cody Graves, Andrew Graves, Rachel Corbin, Kristina Corbin, and Christopher Corbin; her mother, Mary Anderson of Cedar Vale, Oklahoma; seven brothers, William Edward Anderson of Whitefish, Montana, Ronald Anderson of Wiggins, Colorado, Tom Anderson and Kenneth Anderson, both of Lakin, Kansas, Rick Anderson of Holcomb, Kansas, and George Anderson and Gordon Anderson, both of Garden City, Kansas; and many other relatives and friends.

Cremation was under the direction of the Dixon Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes.

## Susan Marie Graves



Susan Marie Graves of Overbrook, Kansas was born on May 1, 1949 at Webb

## Veva Mae Lothrop



Veva Mae Lothrop, 94, died on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at Sanford USD Medical

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Center. A celebration of Veva's life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August, 2010 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Veva is survived by her husband, Forrest Lothrop, of Sioux Falls; a daughter, Beth Roemmelt and her husband Bruce of Haymarket, Virginia; a son, Ross Lothrop and his wife LeAnn of Canton, South Dakota; five grandchildren, Spencer Gohre of Kirkwood, Missouri and Lindsey Lothrop of Sioux Falls and Morgan Lothrop, Alyssa Lothrop, and Aryca Lothrop all of Canton; and three great-grandchildren, Riley Buckneberg, Kiana Lothrop, and Kaci Buckneberg.

Veva was a strong and committed woman who believed in the importance of family, friends, and God, a belief which she passed on through example to her children and granddaughters.

She was born on the family farm near Hawarden, Iowa on March 20, 1916, the daughter of William and Maude (Muller) Walter. The family moved to South Dakota, farmed in the Alcester area, and later moved to Beresford, where Veva attended and graduated school.

Following high school, she worked many different places, including a movie theater, bank, and library, and as a waitress. During World War II, Veva spent five years in San Antonio, Texas, working in the U.S. Censorship office. She returned to Beresford after the war and worked in a bank, where she met her future husband and love of her life Forrest 'Tiz' Lothrop. They were married on August 19, 1951 and later moved to Dickinson, North Dakota.

Two years after they were married, Tiz and Veva had their first child, Beth, in 1953. Two years later, in 1955, they had their son, Ross. In the fall of 1956, they moved the family to Sioux Falls, where they continued to live a happy, fulfilling, and active life.

Veva was involved in many things throughout the years including church groups, VFW Auxiliary, and DAV Auxiliary. She worked admissions at Howard Wood Relays for more than 30 years. She also volunteered at many local high school sporting events and state athletic events where she handled tickets.

When her husband took over as the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the 84th Infantry Railsplitters Society, she assisted in maintaining records and handling other office responsibilities and duties with the

Railsplitters reunions. Veva had a love of reading, always had books, and passed the love on to her family members. Her granddaughters, especially, picked up on the hobby after she read to them during their childhoods. She will be remembered for her caring heart and love of family and for reaching out and serving others.

Memorials may be directed to Howard Wood Dakota Relays Scholarship fund, 201 E. 38th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

*Written with love by Alyssa Lothrop*

### Sandra Lubshina



**OTTAWA, Illinois** - Sandra C. Lubshina, 64, of Ottawa, Illinois died peacefully on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois, attended by her loving husband, daughters, and eldest granddaughter.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, September 9 at Ottawa Funeral Home. Family visitation started at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Duane Kaufman officiating. Services were at 7 p.m. Cremation was accorded. Burial followed at Oakwood Memorial Park.

Sandra was born on January 17, 1946 in Blythe, California, the daughter of Cloyd and Veneta (Neal) Cook. She married John F. Gerding Jr. on June 10, 1966 in Wichita Falls, Texas, having two children. Sandra was widowed on January 29, 1979. She

married Joseph D. Lubshina on January 18, 1990 in Ottawa. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Sandra worked extensively in support of the Ottawa Bowling Association.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph D. Lubshina of Ottawa; two daughters, Velana (Gerding) Huntington of North Liberty, Iowa, and Ericka Gerding and her husband John Smart of Apple Valley, Minnesota; one son-in-law, Dan Huntington of Coal Valley, Illinois; one sister, Velana Housewright of Modesto, California; three brothers, Greg Alderman of Bishop, California, David Welsh of San Diego, California, and Darrin Welsh of Merlin, Oregon; and three grandchildren; Dylan Huntington, Malcolm Smart, and Kendra Smart.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Larry.

Memorials may be directed to the family. The online guestbook may be viewed and remembrances shared at [www.ottawafuneralhome.com](http://www.ottawafuneralhome.com).

### Kenneth L. Mulanax



**DELIA, Kansas** - Kenneth L. Mulanax, 71, a longtime resident of Delia passed away on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at his home. Kenneth was the sixth child born to Lewis and Eunice Mulanax. He was born on November 16, 1938 at Mayetta, Kansas.

He moved to the Delia community and graduated from Delia High School. Ken worked as a state grain inspector in Topeka for 10 years and then at Fleming Foods for 28 years. He worked at Harrah's Prairie

Band Casino for six years before he retired.

Mr. Mulanax was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Christ the King Catholic Church in Topeka. He was also a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. In his earlier years of life, Ken was a member of the Country Sundowner Band, playing the guitar and fiddle.

He was preceded in death by a son, John; two sisters, VI and Alta; and a brother, Bill.

On July 29, 1967, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Stueve at Sacred Heart Church in Delia. They lived in Delia until his death. She survives and resides at the Mulanax home. Other survivors include his children, Dan Mulanax of Topeka, Kansas, Kevin Mulanax of Osage City, Kansas, and Marcy Prasatsin and her husband Jeff of Topeka; two grandsons, Trevor Mulanax and Julia Prasatsin; and two brothers, Jim Mulanax of Topeka and Irvan Mulanax of Rossville, Kansas.

Mr. Mulanax was cremated. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys, Kansas. There was a Prayer Vigil/Rosary at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10 at Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys, where family received friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial donations be given to the Delia Pride Committee for the upkeep of the school and be sent to the committee in care of the funeral home.

### Cliff Doyle Emert

Cliff Doyle Emert, 90, was born on August 28, 1920 at his grandparents' homestead in the Little Axe community east of Norman, Oklahoma. He passed away on September 12, 2010 at his home in Heritage Assisted Living in Yukon, Oklahoma, with his loving wife Stella at his side.

He was the eldest of five children born to Walter and Pansy Emert. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Elvin.

He is survived by his wife Stella; two sisters, Margie Rush and her husband Russell, Betty Spurlock and her husband Bill; and a brother, Bill Emert and his wife Barbara, all of the Oklahoma City area. He is also survived by three sons: Ken Emert and his wife Judy of Phoenix, Arizona, Don Emert and his wife Susan of Pensacola,

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## Citizen Potawatomi Nation Minutes - Quarterly Legislative Meeting - June 28, 2010

**Present:** Chairman John A. Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, and Reps. Theresa Adame, David Barrett, Dave Carney, Eva Marie Carney, Thom Finks, Lisa Kraft, Gene Lambert, Rande Payne, Paul Schmidtkofer, Roy Slavin, Paul Wesselhöft, and Robert Whistler. **Absent:** Rep. Bobbi Bowden.

**Guests:** Linda Whistler, Jessica Clark, Jacob Johnson, Zachary Brunt, Andrew Adamietz, Jordan Moss, Meliah Macon, Paige Willett, Austin Ross, Richard V. Johnson, Mark Johnson, Julia Slavin, Greg Quinlan, Zane Anderson, and Jamie Moucka.

**Call to order:** Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

**First item of business:** Minutes from the previous meeting held on May 27, 2010. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Second item of business:** Resolution 11-01-HHS: A resolution approving the FY 2011 Community Services Block Grant application to the Administration for Children and Families. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Third item of business:** Resolution 11-02-HHS: A resolution approving the submission of the FY 2011 Lower Income Home and Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP) grant application to the Administration for Children and Families. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Fourth item of business:** Resolution 11-03-HHS: A resolution approving the Citizen



*CPN legislators Robert Whistler (District #3), Roy Slavin (District #2), and Paul Wesselhöft (District #9/Oklahoma) prepare for the June 28, 2010 session.*

Potawatomi Nation's FY 2011 Diabetes Grant proposal to the Indian Health Service. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Fifth item of business:** Resolution 11-04-HHS: A resolution approving the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's application for funding under the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act for Beneficiary Outreach Assistance. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Sixth item of business:** Resolution 11-05-J&PS: A resolution approving the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's application for funding of the Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative to the Indian Health Service. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Seventh item of business:** Resolution

11-06-LCoE: A resolution enrolling 71 applicants into the membership of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Eighth item of business:** Resolution 11-07-LCoE: A resolution approving the conditional relinquishment of Tia Jean Herrod. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Ninth item of business:** Resolution 11-08-LCoE: A resolution approving the conditional relinquishment of Mvhayv Derhonda Herrod. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Tenth item of business:** Resolution 11-09-NR: A resolution approving a fee-to-trust acquisition application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and request for trust ac-

quisition of the Barnett property. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Eleventh item of business:** Ordinance 11-01-NR-11-01-T40: The Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Twelfth item of business:** Resolution 11-10-NR: A resolution approving the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Thirteenth item of business:** Resolution 11-11-HHS: A resolution authorizing the proposed FY 2010 Tribal Transit grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

**Fourteenth item of business:** Ordinance 11-02-J&PS-11-02-T12: The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Criminal Sexual Crimes Code. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

11:25 a.m. - Recess (Executive session)

1:25 p.m. - Reconvene

**Fifteenth item of business:** There being no further business before the Legislature, a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Schmidtkofer and seconded by Dave Barrett. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 absent or abstaining. The meeting adjourned at 1:28pm.



**CPN Veterans  
Organization**

Bozo, My fellow veterans,

Well, the Family Reunion Festival is over, and I want to thank every veteran for his or her contributions to the Citizen Potawatomi Veterans Organization. The raffle drawing, selling of the newly-designed veterans' hats, and many other items made it the best year yet.

The veterans didn't have time to pat each other on the back; we had to get ready to

host the veterans from the eight other Potawatomi Nations and Tribes during the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations that the CPN hosted in early August. We had plaques created and presented to each nation or tribe with our logo and their name on it. They look great!

This fall, the CPN veterans are marking the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War by honoring our Citizen Potawatomi veterans who fought in that war. Now, even though you might not be a member of the Veterans Organization but are a Potawatomi Veteran who served in the Korean War, you are welcome at the event.

If you don't receive an invitation by mail, call me at 405-735-9571. We are having the Banquet at our FireLake Grand Casino.

Finally, there is more great news: The Veterans Memorial Park in Shawnee has installed our CPN Veterans Organization benches. They look great and will represent our CPN Veterans with pride.

Migwetch, Keith Cagle, Commander

*CPN Veterans Organization officers (from left) Keith Cagle, Herb Holton, and Bill Wano are proud of the CPN Veterans Organization bench, at the Oklahoma Veterans Memorial at Woodland Veterans Park.*





# Potawatomi Language Department

Recently, the Language Department was awarded a \$180,000, two-year Administration for Native Americans grant. This grant was awarded to implement our curriculum, which was developed to use with the Child Development Center. It will allow for the hiring of two language aides and an assistant language director. This will allow us to expand the scope of classes we offer in the Child Development Center.

Currently, we are going in twice a week, on Monday and Wednesdays, with the three-year-olds, four-and-five-year-olds, and after-school classes. We would like to expand to the two-year-old, one-and-two-year-old, and even the infant classrooms. I believe that, the earlier our children are introduced to the Potawatomi language, the easier it will be for them to pick it up.

We have begun a new 10-week beginner class on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Cultural Heritage Center. If you are interested in the language, please stop in and

check out the class. We are learning basic words, sentences, and a few songs, such as "Will the Circle be Unbroken?" and "Silver Bells." We hope to do some Christmas caroling this December at the Father Murphy elders housing and the 13th Street apartment complexes.

Also, we started a new beginner online lunch class from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. central time on Mondays. This class can be accessed by going to [www.instantpresenter.com/Potawatomi3](http://www.instantpresenter.com/Potawatomi3) about five minutes before the class is to begin.

For those of you who like to do things at your own pace, with the additional staff we are going to begin video-recording classes and posting them online. We also have a number of other tools available online such as a dictionary with audio, games, and songs.

We are currently working on updating and revamping the dictionary to eventually include 10,000 words with example sen-

tences, literal translations of certain words, and audio files for them. This is an ongoing project and we hope to release an updated version in the next couple of months. We currently have 2,600 words in the dictionary.

The new additional staff will also help us offer more opportunities for classes such as elders classes and more community outreach. We are also always trying to push the technology envelope. We read that the Standing Rock Sioux people got the family that created the Berenstain Bears to allow them to do a 30-part cartoon series in the Lakota language. We contacted them, and are waiting for a response because we would like to do something similar. The initial contact was very encouraging.

For those of you who didn't know, the Language Department office is now in the Cultural Heritage Center building. We moved up there a week or two before Family Reunion Festival.

## Tribal Rolls Department

by Charles Clark, Tribal Rolls Director

The following people have relinquished their membership with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation: Kayla Michlyn, Christa Burgett, Voluntary relinquishment; Hailee Elizabeth Dent, Conditional relinquishment; Alston Hunter Burleson, Conditional relinquishment; and Alexis R. Ferguson, Conditional relinquishment.

A relinquishment occurs when a tribal member, from any tribe, wishes to change his affiliation to become a member of another tribe. Each tribe has its own set of rules regarding procedure and conclusions.

For most tribes, the conditional relinquishment is the most common. A person applying for membership with another tribe will generally use a conditional relinquishment to keep his present membership active until his new membership is finalized. If the application for membership in the second tribe fails, the member retains his current membership.

Some tribes do not use the conditional relinquishment. Instead, a voluntary relinquishment is used. It requires disenrollment before applying to for membership in a second tribe. If the enrollment procedure fails to go through, the applicant cannot return to his original tribe.

The CPN Membership Ordinance offers both types of relinquishments under Title 2, Tribal Enrollment.

The conditional relinquishment is set up for two distinct sets of circumstances. One involves adults, as mentioned above. The second involves minors. Because minors cannot change their membership status, a parent or legal guardian retains the right to do so. However, once the minor becomes an adult, he/she may re-enroll in the CPN.

A voluntary relinquishment is employed when a tribal member has already enrolled in another tribe before contacting Tribal headquarters. In rare cases, a tribal member will voluntarily relinquish his membership for other reasons.

With the advent of the revised CPN constitution, August 16, 2007, membership criteria under Article 3, Section 1(g), have also changed the way voluntary relinquishments are used. Because dual enrollment is constitutionally prohibited, a person found to have this status will be required to voluntarily relinquish from one of the tribes. Once contacted, if the member fails to respond or refuses to relinquish from one or the other tribe, his membership status will then lie within the purview of the CPN Legislature.

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CPN elder Leon Cross delivers the invocation in Potawatomi at an AARP event honoring Oklahoma Indian elders.

Executive Vice President Harroll 'Hop' Backus and National President-elect Robert Romasco, who delivered a keynote address. "Running through so many of the elders' contributions is a commitment to teaching, to connect this generation to their ancestry and create a legacy for them to carry forward," Romasco said. "Tribal elders are the guardians of legacy and younger genera-

tions are the guardians of the elders."

AARP Oklahoma is seeking volunteers to work with the tribes on a variety of issues through its Indian Council. Indian volunteers will receive briefings and communications on AARP advocacy, events, and programs. They will play an important role, serving as liaisons between the association and the tribes. Anyone interested in volunteering for AARP Oklahoma's Indian Council should contact Craig Davis at [cedavis@aarp.org](mailto:cedavis@aarp.org) or 405-715-4473.

The remaining 2010 AARP Oklahoma Indian Honors Recipients are: **Barbara J. Allen** (Tonkawa); **Bill Barnett** (Muscogee); **Doretha Bowen** (Choctaw); **Nelson BigBow** (Kiowa); **Raymond M. Cline** (Delaware); **John William Cornsilk** (United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee); **Dr. Pete G. Coser** (Muscogee); **Charles Diebold** (Seneca Cayuga); **Randlett Edmonds** (Caddo); **Charles Enyart** (Eastern Shawnee); **J.B. Fish** (Alabama Quassarte); **June Fixico** (Kialegee); **Phil Follis** (Modoc); **Grace Goodeagle** (Quapaw); **Cornelia Mae Gosney** (Otoe-Missouria); **Freddie Halfmoon** (Shawnee); **Enoch Kelly Haney** (Seminole); **Ernest Hooser** (Choctaw); **Melvin Imotichey** (Chicka-

saw); **Michael Pratt Kawaykla** (Fort Sill Apache/Kiowa); **Harry Kaudle Kaule** (Apache); **Rosetta Arkeketa LeClair** (Otoe/Missouria); **Barthell Little Chief** (Comanche); **Dr. Henrietta Mann** (Cheyenne & Arapaho); **Elsie Mae Martin** (Thlopthlocco Tribal Town); **Juanita Long McQuiston** (Wyandotte); **Joyce Big Soldier-Miller** (Iowa); **Stella M. Nullake-Nanaeto** (Sac & Fox); **Stuart Owings** (Wichita and Affiliated Tribes); **Dixon Palmer/Tsain-Sah-Hay** (Blue Hail) (Kiowa/Choctaw); **Steve Pensoneau** (Ponca); **Luther Pepper** (Kaw); **Dwight Pickering** (Caddo/Kaw/Otoe); **Linda Sue Poolaw** (Delaware Nation); **Jimmy L. Reeder** (Cherokee); **Carolyn Garren-Ritchey** (Peoria); **Esteline Sloan Schulenberg** (Absentee Shawnee); **Bill Shoemate** (Comanche); **Mary Smith** (Chickasaw); **Henry Chapman Stonerod** (Pawnee); **George E. TallChief** (Osage); **John R. 'Jack' Thorpe** (Sac and Fox); **Coweta Ulrey** (Ottawa); **Raymond Vann** (Cherokee); **Mildred Walker** (Miami); **Anita Lookout-West** (Osage); **Bob White** (Kickapoo); and **Patricia Ann Woods** (Chickasaw).



Rep. Dave Carney hosts District #8 meeting, Naming Ceremony

## CPN flag flies at historic gathering of tribal members

*(Editor's note: On August 28, 2010, Citizen Potawatomi Nation history was written with the first-ever official gathering of CPN members and a following-day Naming Ceremony. The events were hosted by District #8 Rep. Dave Carney, and he writes about them here.)*

Immediately after my re-election, I began to make plans to make good on a campaign promise – to hold the first-ever (and not last) Citizen Potawatomi Nation event in Alaska. I knew I had about 10 good e-mail addresses in Anchorage and a frequent flyer ticket for my wife. And, that sounded like a pretty good starting point. I also knew I could count on Terri Boswell and a few other high-energy people in the area. The end result was a well-attended and fun weekend of events.

On Saturday, August 28, we held a dinner meeting at a Mexican restaurant on the south side of Anchorage. There were approximately 45 members and their families in attendance. Before food and presentations, we played a round of Indian hand games. Barbara Johnson of Palmer, Alaska assisted in teaching the two teams of seven the rules and strategy. Watch out at the Family Reunion Festival is all I can say.

Next, we acknowledged an honored guest, Dorothy Cook, the President of the Eklutna Tribe. Terri had coordinated with me on giving President Cook tobacco and asking for her permission to hold our event in her tribe's homeland. Now, Ms. Cook was gifted a copy of the new book about the life and art of our great artist, Woody Crumbo, called "Uprising" and written by



*Anne O'Brien is gifted with her Potawatomi name, along with her mother, Barbara Johnson, and her son, Jarod.*

Robert Perry. The book had an inscription to her and our tribal seal; I believe she was very pleased to receive it.

Dinner was served buffet-style with elders, guests, and the very young going first. As the group ate, I gave a PowerPoint presentation that included slides and information on the Nation's activities in Oklahoma and in District #8, as well as benefits available to members. Only a hand full of members had ever been to a regional meeting and even fewer had traveled to Oklahoma.

After a series of questions and answers we presented gifts to the youngest, farthest-travelled, and of course, the Wisest Potawatomi. At this event, our wisest was the 75-years-young Rozanne Kimpton. She

received a lovely Pendleton blanket, which she wore to the Naming Ceremony the next morning.

Well, the nine o'clock ceremony (with eight o'clock preparations) rolled around early. We arrived at the gracious home of our hosts, Lonnie and Christie Prairie Chicken, and met these wonderful people who practice traditional Lakota ways, often taking in others to mentor and adopt. Lonnie was smudging the house quietly when we arrived.

After introductions were made and a few gifts were given, my wife and I headed outside to set up the prayer circle. With boxes of supplies shipped from Washington, we had the tobacco to put down before making

the fire, sage, sweet grass, and cedar for smudging and a compass to make our Eastern doorway. Chairs were brought by the participants and set in a circle. Ten-year-old Cheyenne Paige prepared the circle with fresh cedar.

Ten members received their names that morning. They range in age from 10 to 75 years. Of the ten, six were two families of three generations each. What an honor it was to name these people and share this special time. Each member was presented with an eagle feather and document with his or her new name.

The feast after the ceremony was memorable as well. Great food, and a festive spirit, beginning with a Lakota "Grace" played on a hand-drum sung by Lonnie Prairie Chicken, were accompanied by wife Christie, Christie's mother, and our Potawatomi member, Terri and her friend, Larry Lawes (singing in Lakota). Many gifts were exchanged, but the one that still has me speechless is a little medicine wheel given to me by our hosts and made of porcupine quills, colored red, yellow, black, and white.

I would like to thank Anne O'Brien and her son Jarod, Barbara Johnson, Marjorie Shorthill; Rozann Kimpton; Ginger Blackmon; Tina, Tony, and Cheyenne Paige; and Terri Boswell for the honor of naming them and for making us feel so welcomed. A warn Migwetch to the Prairie Chicken family for sharing their home with our members. I also want to thank my wife, Nicole, for taking all the pictures and being a great Potawatomi spouse.

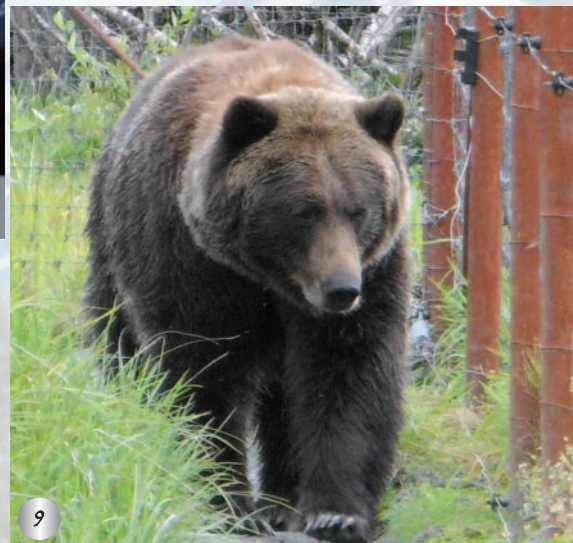


On June 12, 2010, CPN member Natalie D. Mitchell-Royce graduated from Portland State University with a Masters degree in Social Work. She is wearing a hand-made Native American shawl on her graduation day to display her pride in her CPN heritage.

CPN member Brandon Pruitt, right, and a member of his band pump out the Red Dirt Country at a Norman, Oklahoma venue recently. Pruitt had been making his home in Nashville as he pursues a music career. A Lexington, Oklahoma native, he has performed more frequently in the Sooner state recently, including some gigs in September at the CPN's FireLake Grand Casino. Look for a profile of Pruitt in the November *HowNiKan*.







## The CPN Goes 'North to Alaska'

1. Rep. Dave Carney poses with Dorothy Cook, president of the Eklutna Native Village

2. Spirit houses at the Eklutna village

3. Jarod O'Brien and Rozann Kimpton sponsor Marjorie Shorthill (center) in her naming

4. Carry Shorthill and Amanda Kimpton compete in handgames

5. Rozann Kimpton accepts a Pendleton blanket as the Wisest Potawatomi at the meeting

6. The Church of 1000 Logs in Palmer, Alaska

7. Rep. Dave Carney names Terri Boswell

8. Alaska is a most beautiful, scenic place, and the Portage Glacier and surrounding mountains are evidence.

9. Photographer Nicole Carney, Rep. Dave Carney's wife, got relatively up-close and personal with a Black bear.



# FireLodge Tribal Youth Program

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLodge Tribal Youth Program (FTYP) is officially in full swing! The end of the first program year is approaching this fall, and a lot of exciting things have been in the works with young people at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The program is designed for youth between the ages of 12 and 17, or seniors in high school. It is currently serving those youth who reside within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's jurisdictional boundaries. It began with the formation of a tribal youth council in August 2009. Members of the youth council have met on a monthly basis to participate in various activities in an effort to enhance communication, develop trust and teamwork, and initiate friendships with their peers in their surrounding tribal communities.

In addition, two summer day camps were held this past summer for both middle school and high school age youth. They focused on health and well-living, cultural appreciation, and leadership and life skills. The FTYP has also been busy partnering with four local school districts to provide prevention education as well as facilitate an afterschool tutoring program.

The overarching goal of the FTYP is to promote personal growth and leadership skills of our tribal youth through positive youth development. It is the philosophy of the FTYP that youth can be the most powerful agents for positive change in their community.

FTYP staff members strive to encourage youth to evolve into those agents for change and, at the same time, enhance those skills which will allow them to make a positive impact on their community. Not only does the FTYP serve young people, it also offers parents of teens opportunities for additional education by hosting various workshops throughout the year. These deal with common teen behavior, effective communication practices, and information about youth in today's society.

## The FireLodge Youth Council Changes Gears in its Second Year

The council meets a minimum of once each month and serves youth ages 12 to 17 years old, or seniors in high school. The goals include having participants of the



*FireLodge Youth Program participants erect a sweat lodge during one of the summer 2010 camps.*

youth council play a crucial role in the construction, direction, and maintenance of the FireLodge Tribal Youth Program. Part of the youth council's responsibility is to advise program staff and the current Tribal Youth Advisory Board, made up of more than 20 community members, on the needs and interests of today's tribal youth.

During the first year of its existence, the youth council participated in a variety of activities including community service projects such as delivering food baskets to needy families and spending an afternoon fishing with tribal elders. Other events included educational meetings and entertaining, physical activities such as a ropes course, attending an NBA basketball game, and floating the Illinois River.

During this second year, the FireLodge Youth Council will be led entirely by the 26 active youth who are part of the council. Their activities and fundraisers will be planned by the youth at each monthly gathering. FireLodge Youth Council officers will also be selected this month and will be responsible for representing the entire council to promote the positive change they wish to see in their tribal community.

Members of the FireLodge Youth Council are currently constructing a Web page which will be accessible from the main CPN Website as well. For more information about the FireLodge Youth Council or if you are interested in participating, please contact Jeff Foresee at 405-598-0797 or by

e-mail at [jeff.foresee@potawatomi.org](mailto:jeff.foresee@potawatomi.org).

## FireLodge Summer Camps Were a Success! We Can't Wait for 2011!!

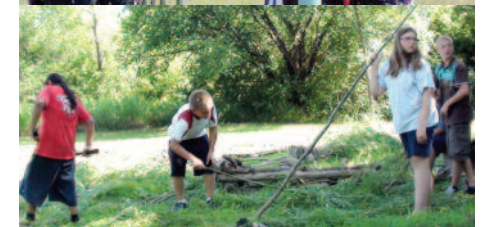
The FTYP served 21 youth with the summer programs that were in place this year. Ideally, staff would like to have served many more, but transportation was limited. Thus, only 11 youth were admitted to each camp. The first camp was scheduled for three weeks in June for students entering the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. The second camp was scheduled for two weeks in July for students entering the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades.

Dates for the 2011 summer camp in 2011 have not yet been selected, but information and applications will be available online by mid-March.

A strict attendance policy and a full daily schedule ensured that the camp participants gained as much knowledge and information as could be shared and still have fun "just being a kid." Aside from hearing informative guest speakers, attending cultural classes and crafts, and participating in a fitness program, they also found time for weekly reward trips to places like Sulphur's Chickasaw National Recreation Park and Frontier City amusement park.

The youth also enjoyed lots of swimming and games: they recycled more than 80 garbage bags of recyclable materials and planted a large garden with several types of fruits and vegetables. With the help of the CPN Childcare Program, the harvested

goodies will be shared with the children at the childcare facility as well as with the Title VI Elder Program. For more information about the FireLodge Summer Programs or if you are interested in participating next summer, please contact Lindsay Wilkins at (405) 598-0797 or by e-mail at [lwilkins@potawatomi.org](mailto:lwilkins@potawatomi.org).



*Native youth are encouraged to be physically active, culturally educated, socially responsible, and service oriented as part of the annual summer camp programs.*

*Various activities from these summer camps are depicted in these photographs.*



## Library Musings

### The Mark of Cain

Tom T. Hall once sang a line in a song that said, "Nothing kills people like greed." It makes me wonder, "What kind of greed?"

Is it simply stupidly destructive greed that keeps some unthinking people running for tribal office with a platform promising a per capita payment, something which would mean the destruction of the Nation's scholarship program, pharmacy program, and salaries for all enterprises, along with weakening of the ability to defend tribal rights, and the probable disappearance of the Citizen Potawatomi? I apologize for the length of the question, but the loss of any of the mentioned items would amount to a catastrophe for Potawatomi individually, nationally, and internationally.

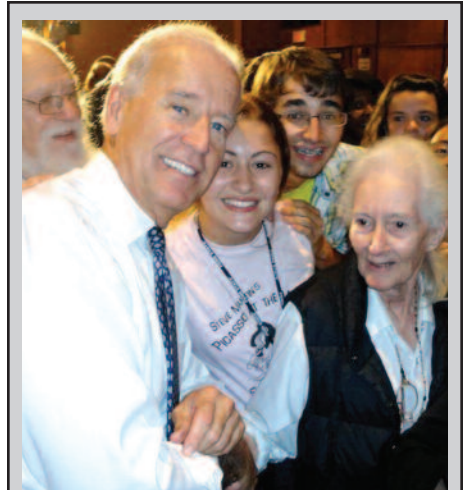
That leads me to the next type of greed. It belongs to all of us as a federally-recognized Indian nation, or even as (A)mericans. The Keewatinosagiganing Potawatomi verbalized the dream of all the Potawatomi coming together some years ago. In the early part of this decade, this writer witnessed an event in which a representative from Kettle Point/Stony Point broached enhanced Potawatomi unity to at least one tribal leader. This leader nixed the idea because he could not envision any elected Potawatomi government at the Ottawa/Chippewa/Potawatomi Kettle Point/Stony Point Reserve. This might have been what caused the birth of the Keewatinosagiganing (Northern Lakes) Potawatomi. (See map for fifty-five (55) groups of Potawatomi descendants who avoided the Trail of Death Removal by being accepted by their Three Fires brothers in Canada.)

This writer doesn't remember personally meeting the Potawatomi Nation Executive Council Co-Chairman of the Sucker Creek First Nation, Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, but does have some correspondence from her. That includes the pamphlet that provided some inspiration for reviving some memories of my dream. Progress toward that dream has been small but does exist. "The Keewatinosagiganing Potawatomi Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow Tending the Sacred Fire" pamphlet lists two of the fifty-five Potawatomi descendants groups as members who happen to be recognized for purposes of being included in the annual



Gathering of Potawatomi Nations.

This amounts to recognition of almost four (4) percent of Potawatomi descendants on reservations (reserves) in Canada. Doesn't this cry out for action by the Potawatomi in the U. S.? That's us, in case you don't recognize our greed. What an opportunity for leadership! Of course there will be problems, which I will outline next time. But for now, Bama pi from Nswemakek.



At a rally on September 28 in State College, Pennsylvania, (on the Pennsylvania State University campus), Vice President Joe Biden urged supporters to "keep the phone calls going, keep knocking on doors, and commit to vote." CPN member/2010 Potawatomi Leadership Program participant Andrew Adamietz got some face time with the vice president following the speech. Adamietz (second from the vice president's left) is a freshman journalism student at Penn State.

Biden spoke to an audience of about 1,000 people in an auditorium inside Penn State University's student union. "It really inspired me and I'm so excited," said student Erin Murphy. "We're the ones who put the people in office, so obviously we have to get out there and vote," said Yelena Novopachennaia, a Penn State sophomore.

**"The Native American Speaks" on KGFF-AM (1450) or KOKC-AM (1520) or [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org)**



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## Evelyn Brown

Mass of Christian Burial for Evelyn Brown, 87, of Lawrence, Kansas was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Mrs. Brown died on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at Brandon Woods at Alvarado.

Mrs. Brown was born on September 11, 1922, in Richland, Kansas, the daughter of Martin F. and Clara J. (Boursaw) Ice.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Altar Society Groups 6 and 7, and the R.E.A.C.H. Program. She was also involved in the National Association of Letter Carriers Auxiliary Branch No. 177 and Willing Workers Club of LeCompton.

She married William F. 'Kise' Brown on June 20, 1942. He preceded her in death on February 23, 1979. She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Tony and Al Ice.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Frances Riner and her husband Michael of Lawrence, Kansas; three sons, Stanley Brown and his wife Felicia, Richard Brown, and Edward Brown, all of Lawrence; two granddaughters, Sandra Wagner and Alexis Riner; a great-granddaughter, Michaela Wagner; and a sister, Judy Hill of Lawrence.

The family greeted friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 13 at Warren-McElwain Mortuary. A rosary was recited at 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the Evelyn Brown Memorial Fund, sent in care of the mortuary, 120 W. 13th St., Lawrence, KS 66044. Online condolences may be sent at [www.warrenmcelwain.com](http://www.warrenmcelwain.com).

## Grover Gerald Holloway

Grover Gerald Holloway, 62, was born on November 25, 1947 at Maxwell, Oklahoma. He walked on on August 25, 2010 in Gold Hill, Oklahoma. He was the son of Carlos Holloway and Oleta (Kesterman) Holloway. He was a descendant of the Melot family on his father's side and the Bourassas on his mother's side.

Mr. Holloway left behind a daughter, Sarah Kimberly Holloway of Roseburg, Oregon, and a son, Matthew Ryan Holloway, who is stationed in Germany with the U.S. Air Force; a sister, Kathleen (Hol-



loway) Johnson and her husband Howard of Monroe, Louisiana; a sister-in-law, Charlotte Holloway of Sulphur, Louisiana; an uncle, Dave Holloway and his wife Hazel of Safford, Arizona; an aunt, Audrey Buchanan Kambiss and her husband Ted of Palm Harbor, Florida; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Carlos and Oleta; a sister, Audrey 'Bunny' Ballard; and two brothers, Charles and Daryl.

Mr. Holloway served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

His ashes were placed with his mother's ashes at Maxwell Cemetery in Oklahoma.

## Jack Marvin Hernandez



Jack Marvin Hernandez, 53, of Fordyce, Arkansas died on Saturday, September 4, 2010 at his home. He was born on April 27, 1957 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Jack was a Potawatomi American Indian and was also a painter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Chisholm Sr., Manuel V. Hernandez, and Betty Lou LeClair Hernandez.

He is survived by his wife, Tami Murphy Hernandez of Fordyce; sons, Jack Hernandez Jr., Leon V. Hernandez, and Jeffrey M. Hernandez all of Ponca City, Oklahoma; daughters, Sara E. Hernandez of Fordyce

and Nina M. Hernandez of Gilmer, Texas; brothers, Dennis L. Hernandez and Richard A. Hernandez, both of Sterling, Oklahoma, and Michael G. Hernandez, Johnny Hernandez, and Vincent L. Hernandez, all of Dallas, Texas; sisters, Linda (Renee) Godino, Sherri Barrientos, and Jacqueline (Jackie) Garcia, all of Oklahoma City, and Deena (Sis) Yahola of Dallas.

Jack's body was cremated. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Benton Funeral Home in Fordyce. To sign the online register, visit [www.bentonfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentonfuneralhome.com).

## Jason Terrill Litz

Jason Terrill Litz, 40, of Phoenix, died on Saturday, July 24 2010. He was born on June 24, 1970, in Syracuse Kansas, the son of Kathy Acre-Knopp and Jason Litz.

Terrill attended elementary and middle school in Syracuse and graduated from Garden City High School in 1987. He was a member of the GCHS swim team. Throughout the years, Terrill was a respiratory therapist, paramedic, airline dispatcher and supervisor.

He lived his life to the fullest and made many friends along the way. He had the ability to brighten a room with his smile, and the ability to turn a bad situation into a funny situation. His compassion and laughter will be missed by all who knew him.

Terrill loved being an uncle and taught Eric and Kelsie to have fun, enjoy friends, and live life to the fullest.

Terrill is survived by his mother, Kathy Acre-Knopp; father, Jason Litz; grandmother, Lela (Nan) Acre; sister, Leslie Riederer; brother-in-law, Scott Riederer; nephew Eric Riederer; niece Kelsie Riederer; and best friend Tyler Lange.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 1:00pm at the A.L. Moore Grimshaw, 710 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85013.

Donations may be forwarded to the Humane Society or Youthville of Dodge City in lieu of flowers.

In the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him lies on the paths of men." Terrill will be so sorely missed by many friends and family. Terrill brought light to all of us; the light has been extinguished too soon.



# Legislative Columns

## District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikanek,

As I write this, it is 58 degrees, the school buses are running, and there is just a hint of color in the leaves. All these things mark the end of summer, and a busy one it was. Beginning with the "Family Reunion Festival" in June and then the CPN hosting the "Gathering of Potawatomi Nations" in August made for a very busy and enjoyable summer.

These are two events that everyone should attend at least once in his lifetime. I can assure you that, if you attend one, you will be back year after year. I spoke of the reunion festival in my last article, this is a chance to reacquaint yourself with family members you seldom see and meet new family members and friends. It's also a chance to see and enjoy all the great facilities at our tribal complex. Now I ask you what could be better than that?

Then there is the Gathering of Nations. This, too, is a reunion, only on a much grander scale. It is a reunion of Potawatomi Nations (family and friends) because, before the removal in the 1800s, we were one Nation. It is a chance for our leaders to exchange ideas and interact, something that is beneficial for all.

The host nation for the next Gathering is the Hannahville Indian community, located in the heart of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This is a beautiful location with great facilities. Check them out at [www.hannahville.net](http://www.hannahville.net), and make plans now to attend next year. You won't regret it.

Thanks to everyone who sent birthday cards for delivery to Anna M. Comadoll. Anna was born August 5, 1915. District #1 likes to honor our elders on their birthdays. If you have a CPN member in your family who is 80 or older, please let me know. We will honor him or her in a special way. Again, happy birthday to a very special lady, Anna Mae Comadoll.

My wife Julia and I were honored to attend a naming ceremony in Parma Heights, Ohio for the Pearl Family. Ten members of the family received their Potawatomi names. The ceremony took place at the residence of Bob Pearl, an acreage where the



family has created a prayer circle in a secluded area amidst tall trees.

In attendance were the Pearl family, Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Sister Virginia Pearl csj, Roy and Julia Slavin, and many friends and family members. Named were: Maor Bruening, Max Bruening, Erin Bruening, Marj Pearl Guerich, Amy Marie Guerich, Ellen Pearl Pochedly, Lakota Pochedly, Elan Pochedly, Maureen Pearl Babaki, and Mathew Babaki. The Pearls are descendents of Theresa (Wasegishgokwe/(Light in the Sky) and John Slavin

If you are interested in receiving your Potawatomi name, please let me know and I will explain the procedure.

I will end this article as I always do, if you are not receiving e-mails or regular mail from me, it is because I do not have your contact information. If that is the case, please send me your e-mail address and or regular mailing address so I can correct my files.

Migwetch,  
Roy Slavin



Anna Mae Comadoll

## District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello:

Happy Fall to everyone. I am proud to report that four of the seven students in the 2010 CPN Potawatomi Leadership Program came from District #2. These students, like all PLP students we have selected and brought to Shawnee for the annual program, are high-achieving leaders in their late teens who spend the summer learning as much as possible about our government and enterprises and meeting many of our people. I got to shake each of the students' hands when they attended our Summer Legislative Meeting during the Family Reunion Festival, and I expect to meet many of them again when they take CPN leadership roles in the future!

I am thrilled that we recently returned Mrs. Capps to office for an additional four-year term. We now are assured stable leadership that will foster our continued economic viability, which will permit us to honor our traditions and care for our elders and our young people. Our voting this year for both a very capable Vice Chairman and a very capable Supreme Court Justice (Angela Riley) is a source of pride for all Potawatomi women!

Speaking of Potawatomi women, the photo included with this column is of lovely Geneva Hunter, one of our esteemed elders living in Florida. Ms. Hunter is shown with her daughter, Deana Swilch, and Paul Lawless. Recently, we celebrated Ms. Hunter's birthday with cards from District #2 residents and flowers and greetings delivered by Paul, one of my cousins who lives near Ms. Hunter.



Thanks to everyone who sent their greetings to Ms. Hunter, to Ms. Hunter's son Ted



Stempel of Colorado who helped coordinate the visit, to cousin Paul Lawless for his graciousness, and to Legislator Roy Slavin who passed on his idea that the legislators identify our Districts' elders over 90 years of age and celebrate their birthdays. If you are such an elder, or have a relative who is, please contact me so that I can be sure to arrange the appropriate celebration!

In late summer, I sent out a survey to those for whom I have e-mail addresses. I received good, honest feedback and ideas for future programming from the folks who responded. Thank you if you took time to complete the survey. Most of the respondents indicated that they are most keen on having the government work toward providing some level of health care coverage for Potawatomis, even if they do not reside in Shawnee and can't get their health care from our excellent clinic. This would take extraordinary revenues.

The Executive Branch is working very hard to grow our existing enterprises and expand into new, potentially lucrative areas. For example, construction funding for a hotel and entertainment complex, to be built onto the existing FireLake Grand Casino, was part of our 2010 budget. That construction is now underway. This year we authorized funds to expand our Water District and to construct an expansive RV Park, Arena, and Festival Grounds Hotel. I am a big supporter of these efforts as they are the av-



enues by which we will have the funds to make people's lives better.

On the matter of expenditures, the success of our businesses has permitted us to continue to increase funding of tribal scholarships. The legislature just approved the executive's decision to budget \$3.4 million for university scholarships, \$300,000 for vocational-technical school scholarships, and \$500,000 for graduate school tuition scholarships. This is an increase of almost \$750,000 over what was budgeted last year.

I believe that, by the end of the fiscal year, the CPN will have awarded all of the scholarship funds budgeted for 2010! This level of commitment represents a huge vote of confidence in our young people and our futures (and hard work on the part of the students). I'm very happy that this is one of our government's priorities.

Another recent Legislative action was admission of 124 Potawatomi to CPN citizenship, 12 whom are from District #2. Welcome to Luke Alan Brackett, Caleb Nathanael Payne, Nahum Thomas Payne, Josiah Philip Payne, Isabelle Katherine Payne, Seth Matthew Payne, Charlotte Grace Payne, Mark Joseph LeClair, Rachel Danielle LeClair, Candy Cane Brock, Krysllyn Faith Brock, and Jesse James Brock.

We have several fall events that will bring us together; the first is a naming ceremony to be hosted by the Richards-Lacey family in Northwest Arkansas on Sunday, October 17 at 10 am at Blowing Springs Park in Bella Vista, Arkansas. That's at the foot of the Ozarks I'm told. We all met at the Tribal Area Gathering organized by the CPN executive team in the spring, and Lee Lacey followed up with a request, preceded in the traditional way with a gift of tobacco, that I return to Arkansas in the fall and ame him and his mother Tokee Richards, and then help him name his daughter and grandsons.

With the help of Chuck Clark of Tribal Rolls and Justin Neely of our Language Department, I have been able to provide the family with the Potawatomi names of their Ogee ancestors. Those names will be revitalized when Lee gives them to his daughter and grandchildren.

I also got a call in mid-September from the very sweet wife of a young Potawatomi soldier from the Anderson family, who is serving our country in Afghanistan and wants to receive his Potawatomi name at the first opportunity. We are working on a

plan by which the couple will visit me in Virginia while he is home on leave, sometime in November, so there very well may be a naming ceremony in Arlington then. I will provide details by e-mail as the plan comes together, and hope some "locals" might attend, as it is always lovely to have fellow Potawatomi present at the ceremony, and I'm sure that support would mean a lot to the couple.

If you would like to learn more about the naming tradition and significance of receiving your Potawatomi name, please give me a call or visit my Website (address and more details below). The naming information is password protected so please contact me for the password.

Another fall event is our district's second visit to the Archives of the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian on Friday afternoon, October 29. The first visit was a well-attended winter 2010 event. A number of folks have already RSVPed to the event but there are still some open slots as of this writing.

The Archives accommodates only 25 visitors at a time but that limitation will give us the time and space to touch and treasure the Potawatomi objects that will be set out for us, as well as permit us to go back into the store rooms and view the incredible Native art and objects that are stored in the floor-to-ceiling cabinets, perched on dollies and carts, and hung on storable panels. It will be a fascinating visit.

To give us a chance to get to know each other better, I am inviting everyone attending the Archives tour to come to an East Indian buffet lunch (curries, naan bread, rice, etc.) beforehand. The restaurant is right up the street from the Archives, and I will pick up the check. Please look for details about the event on the home page of my Website or on Facebook on my Events page, and RSVP quickly!

Thanks to my nephew and Webmaster, Nick Carney, my Website has a new design. You can still read my recent *HowNiKan* columns and see posted photos of District #2- and Shawnee-based events, take the Virtual Tour of the 40 remarkable items we viewed during the winter Archives tour, and find other familiar content. But there is now a calendar for District #2 events and, by the end of September, updated information on medical services available to District #2 residents through IHS-funded clinics located within our boundaries will be avail-

able.

Thanks to North Carolinian Shirley Kinne for her hard work gathering that information!

Please also journey over to Legislator Dave Carney's Website - [www.Dave-Carney.com](http://www.Dave-Carney.com) - for very accessible information on CPN benefits and opportunities available to Potawatomi throughout the United States.

I anticipate receiving from the Executive Branch in the near future demographic information indicating precisely where folks in District #2 are clustered (though not their identities or contact details). I've been eager for this information since the first election, and it is now made possible through new software that can "crunch" Tribal Rolls information.

This will be very helpful, as to date I've known only that Florida and Arkansas, for example, each have more than 400 Potawatomi, but do not know if most live in the South, Mid-, North or West part of

the respective state, information that I feel is necessary if I'm to make good decisions on where to host events in those states to reach the most people. Once I get that data I plan to sit down and calendar meetings and events in areas with our biggest populations, so please stay tuned.

Several of you have offered help in planning events. You can anticipate a call from me if you live in an area targeted for a meeting. In the meantime, if you have not done so yet, please send me an e-mail with your contact details and any questions or suggestions. I want to be responsive to the needs of everyone in District #2 but can only know your needs if you share them!

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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## District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho, Nikanek (Hello, my friends):

The legislators met on September 2, and went through our annual budget for the 2010/2011 year. At our televised meeting, we also passed resolution #11-17, in which we approved authorization to seek more than \$648,600.00 from Indian Health Services. IF received, that set of funds will be the base funding for two years at \$324,300.00 per year for our Competitive Diabetes Healthy Heart Initiative.

On June 28, 2010, we passed resolution #11-03 to approve our FY 2011 Diabetes Grant, continuing our 14th year in applying for another \$626,735.00 to fund our Special Diabetes Programs. In the actual 2010/2011 budget we included even more funds in this same area for use at the tribal clinic.

I am citing these facts, because many of you may not have had the opportunity to view the live stream where we went through the process of looking into this very important area and how your Nation is approaching serving this important health issue. In the US, there are more than 80 million citizens who have diabetes. More than six million do not know they have it! Because of the diet change forced upon us over the years, we (Native Americans) are highly susceptible to contracting diabetes.



Typically, we are not diagnosed until in our later years (over 55).

Ninety percent of those with diabetes have type II. The other ten percent are type I, and must take insulin either by tablet or injection.

As a result of diabetes, there are more than 86,000 amputees each year. This ranges from loss of a toe or finger to an entire limb. The limb is generally one of the legs, with the left leg being the one most likely amputated around the knee.

Currently in the US, more than 28 percent of the population is obese. Any female



who weighs more than 150 pounds or any male weighing more than 200 pounds is at risk of diabetes. We can control this exposure! This disease is one of attitude and denial. It is one of the fastest-growing diseases in our country and in us! Unfortunately, one in five children is overweight, and they are becoming high risk for becoming a diabetic if they continue. Annually, each of us eats about 150 pounds, yes pounds, of sugar. If you looked inside your blood vessels at the excess sugar, that excess is like small broken glass surging through your system doing lots of damage.

This disease is controllable if we are serious about it. But taking pills or insulin is not the solution. Why wait until you have an amputation or must take insulin? Address what is poisoning you; NO EXERCISE AND POOR FOOD!

Each day, 30 minutes of exercise for a man and 35 minutes of exercise for a woman, exercise as simple as walking can reduce your risk of contracting diabetes by 60%. A loss of 10 pounds drops your exposure by almost 80 percent.

Some typical no-nos that you need to avoid are: a can of soda per day, which contains more than 10 teaspoons of sugar and, long-term, increases your risk of diabetes by 83% or doughnuts, which have up to 13 teaspoons of sugar each.

In addition to exercise, you need to avoid white foods: bread, pasta, rice, candy, and sugar.

The basic risk factors are: belly fat, sedentary lifestyle, family history of diabetes, and smoking.

Get a regular checkup and have your doctor check your A1C level. If your A1C is over 5.9, you are at high risk. I have been in the situation myself and too am a type II diabetic. But, I have taken the steps above, have lost weight, and have seen my current A1C drop to 5.6. It is possible to make pos-

itive strides.

Some of the signs of diabetes are: constant thirst, frequent urination, blurred vision, tingling toes, and non-healing infections or cuts especially on your feet.

For those of you who live in the Dallas/FT. Worth area, I want you to know that the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas has a good diabetes program that you might want to look into. Dr. Stapp has worked with NIKE and with them developed the NIKE N7 shoe designed specifically for Native American diabetics. To qualify for this shoe, you must meet criteria which are too numerous to go through here. But, it is worth looking into if you have foot problems resulting from diabetes.

The Inter-Tribal Center can be contacted for more information on this. One of my contacts there is Angela Young, 214-941-1050. The address is Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas, 209 E. Jefferson Blvd., Dallas, TX 75203.

I spoke to Dr. Stapp at a meeting for youth several weeks ago. He showed me the shoes and advised that he has had a dramatic reduction in amputations since the use of this specially designed shoe began. Moreover, it is only available to Native Americans.

In closing, my intent in covering this subject is to inform. My long-term goal is to be here to serve and help each of you where possible. I am truly honored to represent and serve you and am just a phone call or e-mail away. So, if you have a question, need information, or feel I can help, please contact me.

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## District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Friends,

It is the first day of fall as I write this. It is my favorite time of year. It also means that we have passed Labor Day and the Navarre Family Reunion. I know I have written about this event in my column before, but I just had to do it again. We had a great turnout of about 150 people.

We started the day with what has now become our tradition of a naming ceremony. It was a beautiful morning, and we had nine people make a request for a name. It was my privilege to name an elder for whom I have great respect and much of his family. I got to name a cousin I hadn't seen for many years - so many years, I think it was when she was growing up next to my grandparents in a house backing up to the creek in Rossville.

I am hoping to work with a family this fall so they can learn this ceremony and pass the tradition on in their family. If you are interested in learning this ceremony or want to know how to request a name, please feel free to contact me.

Since it is turning to fall, it also means we have had our legislative session to pass the budget. It is very noticeable by the increase in benefits paid out in health aids, scholarships, etc. that more citizens are realizing what their benefits are. I am hoping in part it is because our relatively new legislators are making contact with more people. I know that I, or any of the other



legislators, would be happy to hear from you or to answer your questions.

I always like to share my stories of people I meet. I know I have told you about my neighbor who I did not know is a Citizen Potawatomi. Well, it happened again. I was shopping recently when I ran into the mother of a young lady who played softball with my daughter for years. It was a traveling team so we spent many hours together. To my surprise, she said, "I voted for you." She then proceeded to show me her tribal ID. It was a great surprise!

As always if you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Migwetch,  
Theresa Adame

## District #5 - Gene Lambert

September is here, and some of you have the opportunity to watch the leaves change colors and know that winter is just around the corner. Here in the Phoenix Metropolitan area, it counts for a cooling-off period when we all remember why we live in Arizona. It is in the nick of time, too.

This year, I had the opportunity to attend the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations in Shawnee, Oklahoma in August. We were the host Nation, and many came from around the country to share tradition, regalia, and stories of the past. Please enjoy some of the pictures in this edition.

There were meetings in which we shared different leadership approaches and concepts. You have heard the saying "There are

as many ways to parent as there are parents." The same appears to be true Nation-to-Nation.

"It was awesome!" is all I can say - everything from watching the posting of the colors to each bearing beautiful gifts for us as the host.

It was interesting to find that even though we were once one ... we have now established different approaches to the same ceremonial traditions. Our Chairman John Barrett has always told us that we can do our own naming ceremonies once we have been named. He also let us know it is acceptable for each of us to establish our own style once we understand the basic acknowledgements

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as in; the Creator (God), the circle of corn meal, the four directions, tobacco, fire and water, and, of course, the sharing of food after the ceremony.

Language Program Director Justin Neely is there to help us with the proper language that should be used within that ceremony. We need to be certain the names we give people mean what we want them to mean.

It is all in "practice makes perfect," so don't be afraid to start your own family traditions. What a beautiful gift you have to pass down to generations and see their interpretations of what you have taught them.

I believe there is spirit at work in us all. Enjoy all the beautiful things around you.

Gene



## District #6 - Rande Payne

Bozho Nikan,

So much has happened since my last (and first) column. It's hard to believe that summer is gone and fall is already here. I wish to start with a big thank you for Vice Chairman Capps and James Bishop from the IT Department for all their help in securing and setting up the District #6 office. It took a little negotiating on the lease and some prompt action to secure the building, but Ms. Capps hung in there and got it done. Mr. Bishop put in a lot of time and hard work to move the office furniture and computer equipment in and get it all hooked up. I am very thankful to be working with such capable people. More on the office shortly...

I was fortunate enough to be able to go back to Shawnee for the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations event in August. That was such an interesting and informative experience for me. I can hardly wait for next year's Gathering. More on the Gathering of Nations in a bit...

We had a legislative session on September 2nd. The session included enrollment of 123 new tribal members, including three from District #6. Congratulations and welcome to our new members - Ethan Schwartz, Steven Drake, and Shari Handy. I'm hoping you will take advantage of the many opportunities and services provided by the tribe. I would be happy to provide information or answer any questions you may have.

Even though the legislative sessions might seem boring at times, please try to take advantage of the Nation's version of



CSPAN by sitting in on the Legislative sessions via the internet. Simply go to [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org) and follow the Government link to the Legislature. You can view the Legislature live when we are in session. Archived sessions are posted for viewing as well.

You will also find the current Legislative Committee chart in that area of the Website. It's a great way to see your Legislators in action and utilize the tribe's investment in technology. It would be a shame to have it and not use it, so please watch and listen in!

I've just been informed that we will be having a Tribal Area Gathering in Las Vegas on Saturday, November 20th in Las Vegas. By the time you read this, you will have received your invitation. I'm hoping that we will have a great turnout as the folks from neighboring District #7 have been invited to participate as well. If your family is like mine, you have family members in other districts, too. I have brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews in District #7 so I'm very excited to have the two districts

together at the same event.

Before I go any further, I would like to congratulate Mark Johnson as the new Representative for District #7. I have met Mark and talked with him quite a bit. I believe he will do a fine job representing District #7. I would also like to thank Thom Finks for his service to the tribe and the constituents in District #7. I wish Thom well in all future endeavors.

**Back to the office ...** Things are progressing nicely with the district office. I was very fortunate to find a place with a lot of character. It's located downtown in an area where many of the older homes have been restored and are being used for office space. The office was built in 1946, and is the first Auto Club Insurance building in the Central Valley. When the new office complex for Kaweah District Hospital was built about four years ago, the building was moved to its current site on Oak Avenue and restored to like new condition.

The floor plan is perfect with a great room and separate office, two restrooms, a small kitchen, and a server (computer) room.

Oak Avenue has railroad tracks running through the middle of the street - something you don't see much of these days. The tracks run behind the office and come out onto Oak Avenue just east of the office. To some, the 8:45 every evening might be annoying, but I find it quite enjoyable. When I hear it coming, I go out on the back porch and wave at the conductor as he lumbers along at every bit of 15 mph.

There's plenty of parking and everything is wheelchair-accessible. And if you get hungry you can walk a block down Oak Avenue to the A & W Root Beer Drive-In. Yes, I said drive-in. They still have car hops so you don't even have to get out of your car. Or you can sit at a table inside or outside. On Saturday nights, the local car clubs gather to swap stories about their hot rods and enjoy a hamburger and an A & W Root Beer float. They are delicious! I know it all sounds a bit nostalgic but that's because it is. I think that as much as we enjoy the present we also want to hang on to the good things of the past.

While it took a little extra work and time to secure the office, I think it was worth it. When I visit Shawnee and see the first-rate facilities, I get an overwhelming sense of pride. I wanted a facility for the district that everyone can be proud of and will want to

visit.

My vision is for it to also be an outreach to the local community. Many of the neighbors and friends who've never even heard of the Potawatomi now have. It's an opportunity to educate people about our tribe. I am proud of who we are and what we have accomplished. I don't want us to be identified as a bunch of drunken Indians with a cash cow Casino exempt from paying taxes and sitting around waiting for the next check to come in.

I love it when the door is opened for sharing our story. It is very different from so many of the tribes that have fallen into the per capita payment trap. People take notice and walk away with a completely different perspective of our tribe after hearing of the struggles and hardships of our past and how we've overcome and adapted as a people of integrity, pride, and hard work.

The open house I was trying to plan for September had to be pushed out to next spring. There just hasn't been enough time to get the office together and announce a date far enough in advance to give everyone ample opportunity to plan for attending. I will provide more details on the open house event later. However, I am in or near the office almost every Saturday. So please don't hesitate to come by. Please call ahead so that I can be sure to be there. I would love to meet you and show off the new office!

### Gathering of Nations continued ...

While at the Gathering of Nations event, I discovered that there are several other Potawatomi Tribes outside of ours. I was aware of the Prairie Potawatomi in Kansans but not aware of the Potawatomi tribes around the Great Lakes region. I'm looking forward to the years ahead reaching out to them, building relationships, and looking for clues to our past. I am planning on attending next year's Gathering of Nations at Hannahville Indian Community in Michigan. I would strongly encourage anyone with the time and resources to try to attend. It's a long trip but there's plenty of time to plan and save the money to be able to go.

We live in an exciting time of technology and it's easy to get caught up in the chase for the next new gadget. It's also easy to lose sight of what's really important. As a peace-loving but willing to fight for what is right, spiritual and family-oriented tribe, I believe there is much to learn from our past that will help guide us into the future. I know enough of our history to know I don't



know much. I am in the process of wrapping up other responsibilities so that I can spend more time researching and then sharing the information with others.

I am so pleased with the tribe's efforts to restore our language. It is the crown jewel of our past that must not be lost. I heard so many kind remarks about our facilities and accomplishments from our Potawatomi guests at the Gathering of Nations. With all of the expansions in motion and on the drawing board, they won't recognize the place the next time we host the event! I was able to spend a great deal of time at the Cultural Heritage Center during the Gathering of Nations, and I am in awe of how well we've done with charting and displaying our culture and history.

There are many traditions, crafts, clothing, etc. that are being brought back, and that's a good thing. Of particular interest to me and hopefully others, is the spiritual history of our tribe. We are a Christian tribe today and have been for several hundred years. But what about the time before the Gospel was presented to the Nishnabek by the whites? At the Gathering of Nations event I was able to spend some time listening to a gentleman named Don Perrot. I've always wondered about the relationship between Nishnabe and God before the Gospel of Jesus Christ reached Turtle Island (North

America).

It was interesting to hear Mr. Perrot's perspective, and it provided some clues. But, I think there is still much research to be done. I feel like now is the time and that we are the generation charged with the responsibility of grabbing hold of our past before it's lost forever. No one else is going to do it for us. Our children and children's children can do with it what they will but we owe it to them to preserve it as best we can for them and the generations to come.

Psalm 105: 7-8 says: "He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations..."

I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me any time. My new contact information is listed below. Until next time ...

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## District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

I would like to start by thanking the members of District #7 for your support and encouragement throughout the election process. While much appreciated, it has also highlighted the responsibilities that are before me as I work on your behalf to further connect and inform the members in District #7. I would also like to extend thanks to Thom Finks for his many years of service to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the members of District #7 and to Jeanine Gaines for caring enough about our nation to also run for office.

The first of September, I found myself traveling once again to Shawnee, I have always enjoyed the trip, and this time was no exception. The one thing that was different this time was that I was traveling as the Representative-Elect for District #7 to be sworn into office and to participate in the September Legislative meeting. I was welcomed at the tribal headquarters by Vice



Chairman Linda Capps, who shared information with me about the operations of our Great Nation.

We were then joined by Chairman Barrett, who also provided me with a good deal of information that a new legislator needs to know. Our Nation is truly blessed to have their leadership and vision for the future.

When it is combined with the outstanding and dedicated members of the legislature, I believe that the future of the CPN is indeed bright.

Without exception, every employee of the Nation that I had contact with exhibited the highest level of professionalism with an emphasis on quality customer service. District #7 members can take great pride in how the Nation's business is carried out.

I was able to sit down with Charles Clark in Tribal Rolls. He was able to provide me with the numbers of members in District #7 (1850) and which areas of the district have the greatest number of members. We can use this information as I plan where to have smaller gatherings with the members outside the yearly Tribal Area Gathering.

As you know, the Nation takes great measures to protect the privacy of its membership. I know how many people live where, but I don't know who many of you are. Please take the time to drop me an e-

mail at [Mark.Johnson@Potawatomi.org](mailto:Mark.Johnson@Potawatomi.org) so I can add you to my contact list if you want to be notified of upcoming events, information, or benefits that you may be eligible for. I will keep all contact information confidential; it will not be shared with anyone.

I am working on establishing a district office to serve your needs, so until I have a District phone number in place, please call the tribal headquarters toll-free at 800-880-9880 to leave a message; I will call you back as soon as I get the message.

Postcards have been sent out to both District #6 and District #7 about a Tribal Area Gathering in Las Vegas on November 20, 2010 at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please call 800-880-9880 and RSVP as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you there.

Migwetch,  
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## District #8 - Dave Carney

Bohzo, Jayek (Hello, all) –

On September 11th, two weeks after the events in Anchorage, Alaska we gathered together for pizza and potluck fare and an ambitious afternoon of crafts. We met in the large gathering area of the church I attend, Gull Harbor Lutheran, in Olympia, Washington. The location proved to be perfect, with plenty of parking, a kitchen with two ovens, and playground equipment right outside.

Estimating the number of attendees and the scissors and leather tools that would be required was not an easy task. Determining how much elk and deer hide to have ready

was darn near impossible. Unfortunately, hides do not come in uniform shapes and sizes. I am pleased to say that we had enough hide that everyone who wanted to make moccasins or a medicine bag went home with one and that we had very little waste.

District #8 is fortunate to have very talented members and friends who are generous with their time and patience. For this event, Ed DeWitt of Lacey, Washington stepped up to teach us how to make medicine bags. While members sewed sections of elk leather together, he explained about the medicine bag's use and the items that



might make up one's own personal "medicine" to place in them. Ed is very knowledgeable about Native American traditional ways and is eager to share his knowledge.

Lindsay Marean of Eugene, Oregon, who had previously taught a beginner's Potawatomi language class last Fall at the District #8 office, volunteered to teach members how to make beaded key chains. With supplies purchased online from Noc Bay Trading Company, Lindsay shared her knowledge of this meticulous craft. Lindsay is very focused and patient; many members went home with a really good start on a very time-consuming and labor-intensive traditional project.

A large component of the craft day was the making of moccasins from elk and deer hides. This was accomplished with the help of Gina Sinclair, a Cherokee friend from Tacoma, Washington. Gina and I had pre-cut 25 or so patterns for moccasins of various sizes and had punched holes in the paper templates so that they could be traced onto the elk hide and cut. We had also cut huge amounts of elk lacing for the moccasins and the straps for medicine bags. On the day of the event, Gina assisted members through the process, providing special assistance and a word of encouragement for anyone struggling.

Of the approximately 50 attendees, there were many founding families represented. These included Rhodds, Ogees, DeWitts,



La Fromboises, Pappans, Darlings, Navarres, Vieuxs, Bourassases, Weldfeldts, and Juneaus. There was a feeling of fun and kinship in the air as people made their own "Potawatomi original". To quote Steve Lynch of Portland, Oregon, "We truly are family by blood and by choice."

Migwetch (Thank you) to all who participated.

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## District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Bozho, Nikanek,

### The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum

During the 2010 session of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, a few colleagues and I expended a lot of time and energy trying to obtain additional funding for the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum located in Oklahoma City, near Bricktown. I had my votes lined up in the House, but the Senate lost heart. We did not succeed.

It was critical that we approve the funding in order to have a clear road map for completion of this great project. We have had monetary contributions and commitments from city, state, federal, and tribal governments. These investments now total \$82 million.

This project will run out of funding in the very near future and will remain idle and uncompleted. The stoppage will actually cost the state more. However, it is possible that the project might never obtain funding; and Oklahoma will lose more than \$82 million. That would be a disaster!

We devised a plan to complete the project; and I will redouble my efforts to pass this plan in the next session of the Oklahoma legislature. Let me share the plan with you.

We have a solid commitment that private sources will bring to the table \$15 million in cash. With these funds in hand, the Capitol Improvement Authority will issue \$12 million in bonds. In 2012, private sources will provide an additional \$10 million, and the Authority will issue \$8 million in bonds.

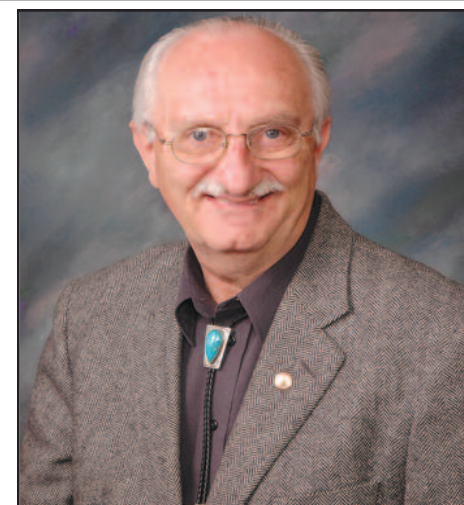
In 2013, private sources will provide an additional \$20 million. The Authority will issue a final \$23 million in bonds.

This funding plan will result in completion of this project in 2015. No state funds are required for the debt service for the next six fiscal years.

It is estimated that, beginning the year the center opens in 2015, this project will produce \$7.5 million in new state revenue for Oklahoma, far in excess of the debt service on the bonds. In other words, Oklahoma will not be tapped for the revenue to pay the bond service.

This was and still is a workable plan, one that will provide:

- A first-class museum



- A premier cultural center
- A world class international tourist destination
- A superb economic development for Oklahoma
- Cost less to complete than to abandon
- Generate twice as much new state revenue as is necessary for the debt service

The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum is estimated to have a \$3.7 billion economic impact on Oklahoma over the next 20 years. It was a great opportunity then; it still is now. This center will attract millions of tourist from across the United States, Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world. It will also compliment the great economic development in and around Bricktown and the Oklahoma River (the name of the North Canadian, as it makes its way through Oklahoma City). I envision the Indian center one day matching or exceeding in substance and attraction the Western Heritage Center (National Cowboy Hall of Fame) in northeast Oklahoma City.

It is possible that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation could provide daily van or bus tours from the Indian center to the FireLake Grand Casino or our own Cultural Heritage Museum.

Again, I plan to redouble my effort in the next Oklahoma legislature to rescue this great project. Please, if you have any ideas on how to fund the center, let me know. If you see problems in our plan, let me know as well. I need all the help I can muster in order to finish this center and provide the world a place where tribal nations can exhibit their great cultures!

Migwetch, Paul Wesselhöft



## District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

I would like to share a moment with all Potawatomis. What if you were sitting along the edge of a clear, blue lake and looking down into its reflective waters? What would you see? Well, I have had two of these reflective moments during this last summer - during the Potawatomi Family Reunion Festival and the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations that was sponsored by the Potawatomis in Shawnee this year. I was able to visit with many of you, but don't count on me remembering all of your names.

What I saw was something genuine. People from all over were sitting around tables laughing, eating, talking, and playing games with each other as though they had no worries at all. Where can you go today to be safe to talk with strangers and allow your kids to run free? We can come together not for just one hour but many days to do this very thing with our extended family - the Potawatomis.

The reflection that I saw was that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation was on the right track. Young Potawatomis were participating as much as the elders. The grand entry is getting better each year with the proper regalia being worn and proper respect for the dance arena being shown. We have taken the seed corn and nourished it and cultivated it in the lives of our young people while making sure that our cherished elders' needs are not forgotten.

My heart swelled with pride when I saw younger kids assisting the elders with utmost respect. You could see the pride they had for themselves and in being Potawatomi.

Not only does the Citizen Potawatomi Nation take special care of tribal members



it also extends this level of care and generosity to its employees, casinos, grocery stores, and the surrounding communities.

We are continually expanding our services with new building projects but be assured that they are discussed and planned for in advanced to properly account for the expenditures. The future for the tribe is how the Potawatomis envision continually seeking excellence as we build these roads for our fantastic journey.

In closing, I would like to challenge each and every one of you to do more research about our Potawatomi history and culture. By doing this, you will be blessed by the knowledge that you will obtain. In return, it will warm your hearts from the inside, and you will experience what we call "Having a Potawatomi Heart" - serving others. Migwetch,

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## District #11 - Lisa Kraft

In our September legislative session, we passed the tribe's Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Bill. The annual operating budget increased this year to \$293 million, up \$14 million from last year (FY2010: \$279 million). The budget is basically divided into large expenditures: Enterprises (\$192.4m); Community Development Corporation (\$1m); Tribal Programs (\$18.9m); Tribal

Infrastructure/Construction (\$6.2m); Internal Service Funds (\$4.2m); Indian Health Service Compact (\$23.7m); Bureau of Indian Affairs Compact (\$13.4m); Grants (\$28.8m); and Indirect Costs (\$4.7m).

Our Indian Health Service Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) increased this year by about \$2.7 million, whereas, our Bureau of Indian Affairs AFA stayed close to last

year's mark. On the federal grant and contract front, we saw a decrease in overall dollars due to increased national funding competition, down about \$3.2 million or \$9 million if you deduct the \$6 million of Recovery Act grant money. I had hoped we would have seen a marked increase in our federal grant and compact dollars, not a wash. Of course that level of grant activity is amazing in itself. My hat is off, again to our grant writers, program directors and staff, and accounting!

The tribe continues to stand strong financially and grow, in large part, because our executive committee governs on the "seed corn" principle and works tirelessly ... much akin to Aesop's fable "The Ant and the Grasshopper" or for some of us, "The Little Red Hen." We all work hard to save up for tough times. Likewise, for those who don't work to save for the future, they won't have any fruits from their labor.

Our tribal programs continue to operate and our level of commitment and service delivery are at all-time highs. We see this new budget increasing member scholarships, land acquisition, and cultural heritage endeavors, in addition to funding several capital construction projects (on reservation and off). We are investing in our future, our reservation, and the lives of thousands of Citizen Potawatomi. We are also helping our local community at the same time.

You have heard the Chairman and Vice Chairman speak about putting roughly \$65 million in payroll back into our central Oklahoma economy this past year. You also might have heard them mention that we are the largest employer in Shawnee and Potawatomi (sic) County. Our payroll money is then spent on purchases around town that generate sales tax for our cities and surrounding counties. Our employees also pay state and federal income taxes, local property taxes, and utilities.

The tribe also spends millions to provide health and social services to the resident Indian population. This takes a tremendous financial burden off the counties. Our tribe has contributed substantially to the State of Oklahoma in our gaming, tobacco, and fuel compacts - profits we have to pay the state in order for us to conduct business. We are investing in our reservation, our local communities, the state, and the people, both In-



dian and non-Indian.

These things all seem so obvious to me. Unfortunately, our local city leaders have been on the attack again, blaming our successes for their financial and planning failures. The most recent attack came from the mayor and city manager of Shawnee, who asked the residents of Shawnee and Tecumseh to boycott our tribal grocery stores. They are blaming the tribe for lost sales tax revenue.

Like the grasshopper, they have not stored up means for lean times. Shawnee leaders have not created substantial job growth by attracting other businesses to the area or even reached out to the tribe to work together on industry or mass transit solutions to get products and people to and from central Oklahoma. There is so much potential to work together that one must conclude that it is easier for city leaders to blame others for their shortfalls.

If you are a local resident and have been following the recent newspaper stories and editorials, please e-mail Shawnee Mayor Linda Peterson at [www.shawneeok.org/email/?ID=mayor](mailto:www.shawneeok.org/email/?ID=mayor) and City Manager Brian McDougal and ask them, kindly, how they can help the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, not sit back and complain that they have no city savings or loaf of bread to show for their efforts.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi. Lisa  
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## District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

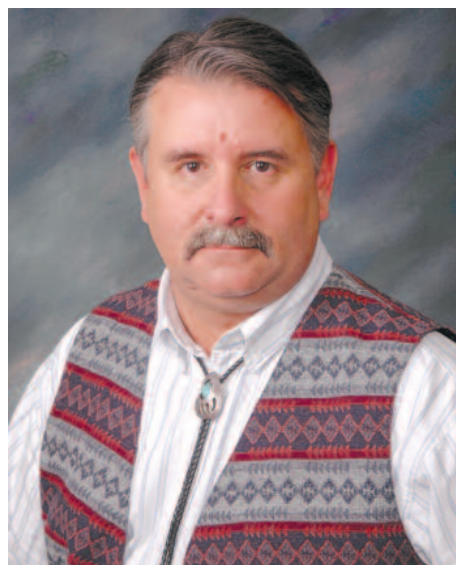
Bozho Nikan,

Recently, we CPN legislators met to go over the yearly budget for the Nation. The enterprises are still doing well. They are certainly not as well off as before the drop in the economy. But, we're still bucking the trend in the general market.

We've always felt that, if you offer a competitive product and offer outstanding customer service, you'll get your share of the sales. Several years back, Chairman John Barrett sat down with Bob Trousdale, and they came up with the Job Pride department. I see the results every time I shop at one of our stores.

As I shop around the various communities, I am often left wondering how these places stay open. I've literally had to chase someone down at times to get waited on. And then there is the employee who will almost run you over as he heads to break. Well, let's hope they do not figure it out and we remain a customer favorite.

Fall is creeping into the air here. My grandson is playing league football this year. So, I'm enjoying watching him. Right now, it's still hot and humid. I'm ready for cooler days. I'm not looking forward to the cold though. The Farmer's Almanac is forecasting a milder-than-usual winter. I hope it's right. After last winter and all the freak snowstorms and ice storms, I'm ready for a regular old Oklahoma winter. One thing



I'm realizing is what my elders have told me for years: "Enjoy your youth because growing old isn't a cakewalk." It won't be long and old Uncle Arthur will be moving back in. I'm already looking forward to Thanksgiving.

Hopefully, all of you are doing well. If not and you're wondering where you might find help, don't forget to contact the Nation to learn whether there are any programs that might be available to help out. As always, it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation. Bama pi and migwetch, Paul Schmidlkofer

To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herbert Holton at 405-598-5984 or e-mail him at [herb39h@valornet.com](mailto:herb39h@valornet.com).



**Our mother, Shiree,** was a wonderful mother and one of the most amazing women we have ever met. She raised three daughters, by herself, while she ran the family store. After we graduated she went back to college and earned a Bachelors in Psychology, she always loved helping people. Once she had grandchildren they became her passion. One morning, she collapsed, we found her unconscious, in her home. We waited and prayed for three days, when we got the unexpected news that she was brain dead. That's when LifeShare stepped in and told us that it was time for her to help someone else by being an organ donor. We had absolutely no idea what miracles our mother could perform even after she wasn't with us

anymore. Thank you, LifeShare, for helping us through a difficult time, and for showing us how much one life could help not one, but three others.

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## Real Estate Services

Your Department of Real Estate Services is located in the northwest corner of the second floor of the First National Bank Building, Suite 204. The staff is in its offices most of the time; but, duties of several of the staff members require them to be away from their desks. It is recommended that, if you have business with any particular staff member, you call and set up an appointment. The number is 405-395-0113.

**FEE TO TRUST TRANSACTIONS:** The Knight 29 property is now in trust. Knight 29 includes 365 acres which lie between Hardesty Road and the North Canadian River and between Harrison and Bryan streets. Title to this property now reads "owned by the United States of America in Trust for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

Placing property in trust for CPN has many great advantages. The most commonly cited advantage is the avoidance of state and local property taxes. This is true; however, CPN frequently makes cash payments to local communities to replace tax revenues lost to the community from the activities of the CPN. In fact, avoidance of taxes is a minor plus of trust status.

More significant reasons include (1) Tribal control of development policies and regulations; (2) taxes are collected; however, they are paid into the tribal tax system rather than the state system; (3) placing property into trust is an expression of sovereignty; (4) it is a form of implementation of self-governance; (5) it is a method for building wealth; (6) the trust lands become the basis of long-term enterprise development; (7) it puts assets in a form that is difficult for shortsighted leadership to sell, destroy, or misuse; and, (8) it preserves land

and wealth for future generations.

**PROBATES:** The Administrative Law Judge has decided on disposition of trust assets and property of the following persons:

- Johnnie L. Passalacqua dob 08-16-1943 Contest Period Ends 03/12/2010
- Elizabeth Vieux dob 12-16-1959 Contest Period Ends 04/09/2010
- Charles Edward Camp dob 03-13-1940 Contest Period Ends 01/04/2010
- Delores Fay Utter dob 11/01/1929 Contest Period Ends 05-14-2010
- Daniel Lee Pierce dob 04-14-1952 Contest Period Ends 02-15-2010
- Clinton Virginia Graham dob 03-17-1925 Contest Period Ends 05-14-2010
- Mildred J. Etheridge dob 12-31-1928 Contest Period Ends 05-24-2010
- Diana Lynn Brown dob 11-14-1962 Contest Period Ends 04-19-2010

**DID YOU KNOW?** In January 1989, the CPN contracted operation of the Realty section of the Shawnee Agency of the BIA, and the records of that agency were turned over to the CPN. In the past few months, the staff of the Real Estate Services Department has been going through those records, placing them in good order.

In doing so, staff members discovered two original "fee patents" for allotments CP 62 Josette Bennett and CP 998 William McLane. These fee patents were printed government forms, and the specifics were filled in by hand. Both patents were dated September 15, 1891 and contain the original signature of President Benjamin Harrison in two places. The originals have been turned over to the Cultural Heritage Center for perpetual safe-keeping. A photo of each original was placed in the DRES file.

## New CPN Enrollees

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation welcomes these 193 recent additions to the membership rolls. The addition of these new members to CPN citizenship brings the Nation's membership to 29,197.

Shane Michael-Dean Adamson, Charles William Lucas Agnew, Christina Marie Alfonso, TaRhaly Isabella Alves, Greenlee Lark Anderson, Floyd Hickman Baldwin, Eastyn Cruz Barrett, Ariel Hope Batch, Brody Cash Baxter, Landan Marshall Beaman, Robert Dean Bibb, Corey Brandon Bibb, Raina Jill Bibb, Coral Justine Bibb, Kurt Taylor Bilanoski, Katherine Marie Bilanoski, Kasyn Capri Boatner, Luke Alan Brackett, Josie Mae Bradford, Madison Maria Bressman, and Candy Cane Brock.

Also, Kryslyn Faith Brock, Jesse James Brock, Dyson Clay Brown, Evan Taylor Bryant, Katelyn Michele Bryant, Samuel Dean Bryce, Haleigh Alyssa Caine, Perrish Frances Cantrell, Carson Dale Capps, Kelly Cecil Carr, Makayla Renee Carr, Leanna Elaine Carr, Jarred Randel Chandler, Joshua Robert Christensen, Everett Shay Claunch, Hoyt Alexander Coffey, John Thomas Coffey Jr., Gabriella Elena Collins, Michael Eugene Conner IV, Emma Marie Costa, Leah Marie Cox, and Sarah Bell Cox.

Also Jason Daniel Crampton, Talor Kae Culwell, Cy Avery Dougan, Steven Lloyd Drake, Shonte Ann Duncan, Frederick Barnette Duncan Jr., Katelyn Abigail Eddy, Susan Annette Ehrlich, Kyle Matthew Ehrlich, Ryan Alan Ehrlich, Samantha Grace Ellyson, Adyson Kaylee Estes, Cameron Donald Estes, James Eastman Flower, Terra Loreen Galyon, Emily Jay Garrett, Gabriel Thomas Garrison, Spencer Winn Gloady, Christina Joanne Gloady, Lauren Elizabeth Gloady, and Michael Liam Gonzales.

Also, Brandi Lea Gregory, Ainsley Elizabeth Gregson, Casey Joseph Gregson, Jace Andrew Grimes, Heather Anne Hall, Talon Mitchell Hall, Cynthia Denise Hancock, Madeline Taylor Hancock, Shari Lynn Handy, William Lawrence Herrick, Grace Isabella Hillabrant, Everleigh Grace Hinton-Slavin, Makayla Nicelle Hisaw, Caryssa Paige Holiday, Alex Seven Holt, Cadence Marie Hopkins, Serena Catherine Howes, Joseph Michael Adam Howes, David Allen Hunt, and Paul Anthony Hunt.

Also, Dylan Andrew Jamison, Kyrie Ayden Johnson, Nathan Alex Johnson Jr., Megan Ashley Jordan, Lindsey June Jordan, Mikaela Louise Kane, Aron Wayne Keys, Trent Michael Knowles, Byron Eli Knowles, Amelia

Ann Lackey, Talon Drake Lackey, Mark Joseph LeClair, Rachel Danielle LeClair, Liana Joyce LeClaire, Nathaniel Paul Lermaslaughter, Austin Taylor Levell, Breanna Caitlynn Levell, Tristen Tyler Levell, Payton Adalynn Lewis, Zoe Mae Lisle, and Kaylee Marie Perez Lopez.

Also, Ravyn Nicole Marconi, Douglas Raymond Marquis, Adyson Nicole Mars, Bryce Fredrick McNally, Allison Brooke McWatters, Colby James Mears, Baylee Nicole Meidinger, Joslyn Jolee Miller, Joseph Jacob-Dowell Miller, Sosi Ruosa Mitchell, William Patrick Moore, Maggie Rae Nadeau, Daisy Olivia Joy Neely, Uriah Lee Nelson Jr., Jayla Dawn Nobles, Ryan Lee Norris, Natalie Marie Oden, Joshua Paul Oden IV, Gavin Riley O'Rourke, Kristin Lynn Parker, and Hunter Ollice Parnell.

Also, Skyler Jane Parnell, Taylor Jordan Patterson-Nocktonick, Caleb Nathanael Payne, Nahum Thomas Payne, Josiah Philip Payne, Isabelle Katherine Payne, Seth Matthew Payne, Charlotte Grace Payne, Neal Alexander Pendleton, Annie Aileen Pendleton, Angelica Rose Poe, Keison Ja'Kobe Potter, Kambrie Jayde Potter, Calvin Joe Randolph, Jack Riley Reardon, Beverly Ann Rivers, Brayden Pierce Robinson, Jaiden Grace Rogers, Graden Eugene Schieber, and Ethan Edward Schwartz.

Also, Chloe Elise Scott, Gunner Timothy Seawright, Landon Ryan Seawright, Ryder Gage Seawright, Travis Wayne Shawn, Emma Grace Singleton, Valori Lea Slaughter, James Carnell Slaughter, Brady Lee Slimboski, Colton Blair Slimboski, Jakobi Allen Smith, Amanda Jo Smith, Rorie Taylor Smith, Cooper James-David Smith, Anthony Wade Smith, Jordan Anthony Smith, Luther Raymond Smith IV, Barbie Dawn Sparrow, Nathan Lawrence Stewart, Kendra Ann Stewart, and Krista Lee Stewart.

Also, Timothy Warren Stewart, Janice La Preal Swanzey, Thomas Michael Swanzey, Benjamin Ray Swanzey, Russ Michael Thies, Shanna Lee Tingley, Ariana Reese Tinney, Jack Nicholas Tipton, Allison Taylor Tipton, Kingston Andrae Traylor, Bailey Lynn Uhlenhake, Kristen Lee VanVacter, Noah Joseph Vinter, Blayre Hart Vinter, Sarah Ellen Vinter, Bethany Michelle Walker, Tharon Kole Wano, Braden Anthony Warren, Taryn Tena Welsh, Grace Patcine Whipple, Kenneth Jordan White, Jack Allen White, Lucas Calvin Witt, Connor Matthew Witt, Jared Douglas Witt, and Patti Kayellen Wommer.

## Tribal Area Gathering

Saturday, November 20, 2010

10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Tribal Affairs Presentation  
Lunch Tribal ID Cards  
Family Presentations

Monte Carlo Las Vegas

3770 Las Vegas Blvd. South

Las Vegas, NV 89109

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Bill Powell with his wife Marilou and sister Carole Passmore live in Round Rock, TX. Bill and Carole's heritage family is the Ogee family.



Randall Scott of Spring, TX enjoys an early cup of coffee.



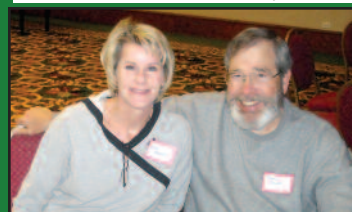
Angela Michelle Fricke from Spring, TX is a descendant of the Toupin family.

Alice and Samuel Rhodd and Samuel's sister Betty Maniscalco strike a handsome pose. Alice and Samuel live in Plantersville, TX and Betty is from Kemah, TX.



Adele Giles and her brother Francis Turley from Anderson, TX visit with their guest.

Tribal member Vicki Chandler and husband Preston live in Richardson, TX. Vicki is a descendant of the Bourassa family.



Joe and Cindy Dorries of Tyler, TX often attend both the Houston and Dallas meetings.



Rodney Robinson of Kingwood, TX is a Brant descendant.



Brandon Good of Houston holds a picture of his grandmother Majory Higbee Good entitled "In Loving Memory."



Traci Garcia traveled the longest distance to win a beautiful Pendleton bag presented by Vice Chairman Linda Capps. Traci and her family live in Euless, TX.



Dot Bryan is presented a Pendleton by Chairman Barrett for being the "wisest" person at the meeting. Dot is still a beauty at the age of 83. She is a descendant of the Bourbonnais family.



Several attended the Naming Ceremony after the meeting. Andrew Walters of Spring, TX was among those receiving their Indian names.

## Houston Tribal Gathering



CPN staff members James Bishop and Charles Clark look on as Sec-Treas D. Wayne Trousdale talks with Johnyce Alders of Dallas. Johnyce is a descendant of the Ogee family.



Mark Goodson of Austin enjoys the latest edition of the *HowNiKan*.

Allison Morrow and her children, Spence and Abby live in Dallas.



The Wahlgrens, Jeff, Jonathan, and Lori, of Ft. Worth attended the meeting with Lori's mother, Linda Ledyard.



Lily Mitchell puts her winning smile on display.



Kent and Suzelle Longo traveled from Garland, TX.

John Anderson was presented the "wisest" award by Chairman Barrett. Mr. Anderson's 83 years of age have served him well.



Chmn. John Barrett and Dist. #3 Rep. Robert Whistler pose with U.S. Census Bureau representative Stan Lewis.



Janet Coffee and Doris Mitchell stand next to Melissa Langston who is holding her daughter Peyton Grace, born Jan. 30, 2010. Janet is the grandmother and Doris is the great grandmother of Peyton.



Tribal member Susanne Simon and husband John traveled the longest distance. They live in Andrews, TX.

## Dallas Tribal Gathering



Chairman Barrett holds the youngest enrolled member, Peyton Grace Langston.





Ed Goodin of Redondo Beach, CA talks with Charles Clark and Jernda Lawrence who are staff members from CPN headquarters.



Geraldine (Gerri) Wood-Hermann of Coronado, CA and her guest pose for the camera.

Scott Crumbo of New Port Beach, CA and friend relax prior to the beginning of the meeting.



Chuck Goyer of Vista, CA visits with Robert Schulhof from Ridgecrest, CA and other relatives.



The Payne brothers - Terry, Rande, and Robert - look at tribal material distributed at the meeting. Terry and Robert both live in Fresno while Rande resides in Visalia, CA



Cindy Brown and daughter Paetin from Las Vegas are descendants of the Higbee family.



Reps. Roy Slavin (left) and Rande Payne and Roy's wife Julia enjoyed the Las Vegas Tribal Area Gathering.



Charles Clark, CPN Director of Tribal Rolls, speaks with Karl Simecka of Boulder City, NV.

## Las Vegas Tribal Gathering



Chairman Barrett poses with three beautiful Potawatomi women, Kristina Ramirez, Angelic Aguilar, and Suzanne Ramirez. The sisters are descendants of the Burns/Martin families.



Kathleen Rock of Las Vegas attended the meeting with her two sons, Zach and Parker. Kathleen is a descendant of the Neddeau family.

Deanna Neves receives a Pendleton bag for traveling the longest distance from Cortez, CO.



Chairman Barrett awards the youngest tribal member a Pendleton blanket while she is being held by Loretta Frazier Duran of Las Vegas.



Chairman Barrett presents Marcene LeClair a blanket for the eldest member present. Marcene is a beautiful 72 years of age.



Howard Laughton and wife Mert of Kansas City, Mo pose for the camera.



Alan Becker with his mother Judy Becker traveled from Drumright, OK. They are descendants of the Charles Anderson family.

Anna McAuley was awarded a Pendleton blanket as the eldest member present. Anna is 96 years old and a member of the Bourassa family.



Legislator Roy Slavin and his wife Julia assisted with preparations for the meeting.



Tribal members Larry Wayman of Garden City, KS and Dale Widmer of Salisbury, MO visit with guests.

## Kansas City Tribal Gathering



Robert Denton and wife Joyce traveled from Lapeer, MI. Chairman Barrett presented Robert with a Pendleton bag for traveling the longest distance. Robert is a member of the Mars family.



Tribal member Mary Foster of Smithville, MO sits with her guest.



Joseph Patrick Huke poses with Michell, Natalie, and Madison all of Smithville, MO.



Patrica Huke sits by her son Joseph and wife Barbara during the meeting. They are part of the great turnout from Smithville, MO.



Colleen Radford and daughter Athena were in a cheerful mood. They live in Bonner Springs, KS.



Rachel Hochard of Kansas City, KS visits with Claudia Voyles of Kansas City, MO.



Relatives of William "Wally" (center) and Michael Martin (with hat) watch the speaker with intensity. The cousins are both from McPherson, KS.



Steven Martin with Legislator Theresa Adame at his side listen to the speaker with interest. Directly behind are Christina and John Tomlin. All are descendants of the Degraff/Navarre/Burns families.



Jacquelyn Mathews and her mother Michelle Gager smile at their daughter/granddaughter.



Chairman Barrett presents Marj Guerick with a Pendleton blanket for being the "wisest" member present. Marj's 88 years have treated her well.



Chairman Barrett places a Pendleton blanket around Natalyne Mathews' shoulders. She received the youngest enrolled tribal member award.



Chairman Barrett and Tim Martin pause for a "happy picture." Tim is from McPherson, KS.



John and Christina Tomlin of Bonner Springs, KS are filmed with Barbara (Degraff) Smith of Topeka, KS.



Loretta Sickmann, Sharon Martin, and Dominic Adame, all of Topeka, smile for the camera.



Alan Becker addresses the audience in regards to his platform. Formerly from Kansas, Alan lives in Drumright, OK. He is a descendant of the Anderson family.

## Rossville Tribal Gathering



Jon Boursaw and Corrine Samqua, both from Topeka, visited after the meeting. Corrine is a descendant of the Pahmahmie family.



Sec-Treas D. Wayne Trousdale prepares to address the tribal membership about the financial affairs of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. D. Wayne is a descendant of the Toupin family.

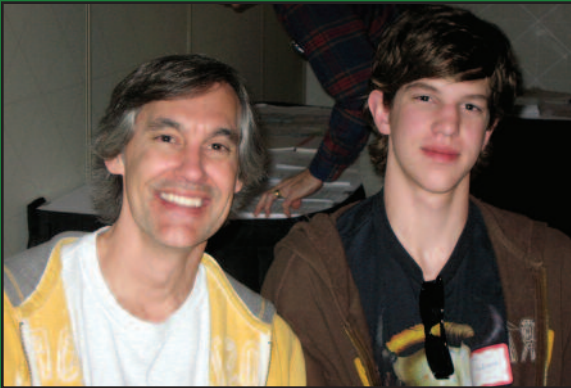


Chairman Barrett, Sandy Bentch, Vice Chairman Capps, Lyman Boursaw, Jon Boursaw, and Barbara Holder pause for a picture.



Legislator Theresa Adame and Betty Simecka bid farewell after the meeting. Ed Kennedy is in the background. Betty is from Lawrence, KS and Ed Kennedy lives in Rossville.





Bill and Sam Anderson (father and son) arrive at the meeting early and visit while waiting. They are from Carrollton, GA and are descendants of the Charles Anderson family.

The low turnout gave a perfect opportunity to interact and participate. There was ample time to talk about family heritage and traditions.



Lynda Williams was the eldest enrolled tribal member at the meeting. Lynda is a beautiful 68 years old.



District #2 Legislator Eva Marie Carney is standing by Michael Moeller from Murfreesboro, TN. Michael is a descendant of the Louraine family.

District #3 Legislator Eva Marie Carney visits with Ray Smith. This was the first time for a Tribal Area Gathering to be held in Tennessee. The attendees were very grateful to have an opportunity to meet their elected officials.



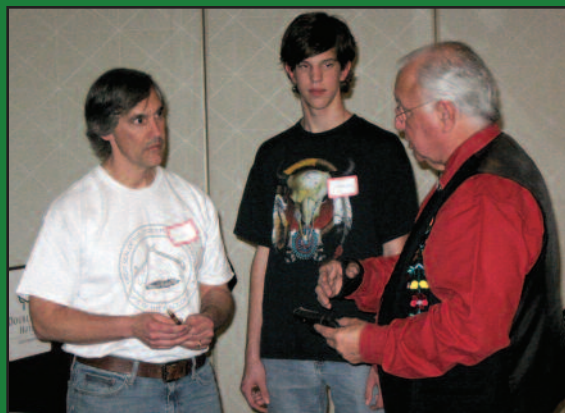
Ray Smith, Ted Williams, Lynda Williams, and Diana Bell listen intently to the Chairman's presentation.



Dixie Quinn was presented a Pendleton bag by Chairman Barrett for traveling the longest distance. Dixie - from Hogansville, GA - to attend the meeting. Dixie is a descendant of the Bourassa family.



Sam Anderson was the youngest tribal member in attendance. He received a Pendleton blanket from the Chairman.



The Andersons and Chairman Barrett discuss tribal traditions and ceremonies.



Sisters Lynda Williams and Diana Bell were pleased to have the opportunity to visit about their Potawatomi heritage. They are descendants of the Kadot/Vieux/Young families.



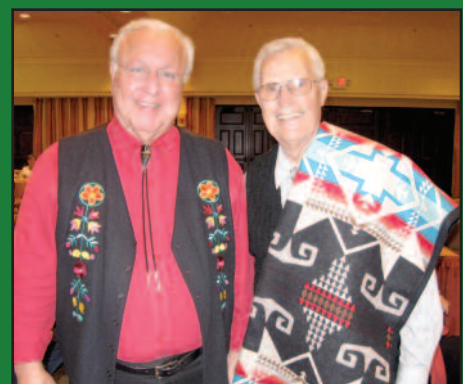
Mary and Dennis Henkel are from Atlanta, GA. Mary is a descendant of the Muller family.

## Chattanooga, TN Tribal Gathering





Don and Mary Swan of Scottsdale, AZ. Mary is a Higbee family descendant.



Robert Bibb of Phoenix was the eldest enrolled tribal member of the day. He is a handsome 77 years old. Robert is a descendant of the Peltier/Mars family.

Wendy Earven stands watching while Charles Clark processes a photo ID for her son Josh Earven. Josh is a descendant of the Holloway family.

Vance McDonald and his wife reside in Cottonwood, AZ. Vance is a descendant of the Bertrand family.



Brothers Paul and Ken White attended their first tribal meeting. They are descendants of the Vieux/Navarre families.

## Phoenix Tribal Gathering

Chairman Barrett presents a blanket to Kylie Carter of Phoenix for the youngest enrolled member. Kylie is 5 years old.



Roxanna Caballero from Glendale, AZ is shown with her mother Kathijo Bourassa, also of Glendale.



Rita Groess of Lakewood, CO, a member of the Dike family, receives a Pendleton bag for traveling the longest distance.



The Woody Carter Sr. family traveled from Prescott, AZ. The tribal members are Woody Sr., Woody Jr., Michelle, and the youngest, Kaylee. Woody Sr.'s grandfather is the CPN's famous artist, Woodrow Crumbo.

**Children (WIC)**



DeAnna and Shayne O'Shea reside in Cottonwood, AZ. She is a descendant of the Bertrand family.



CPN staff members pose with Legislator Gene Lambert (Navarre), Charles Clark (Bertrand), Michelle O'Bright (Peltier), and Daniel LeClair (Delonais/LeClair).



Michael Carter and wife are seated alongside Robert Peltier and his daughter, Michelle Potts of Mesa, AZ. All are Peltier family descendants.





Ray McAlister is holding his grandson, Spencer, while day, Brian, looks on. They are descendants of the Crumbo family and reside in Stockton, CA.

Sec./Treas. D. Wayne Trousdale visits with Mary and Jack Wyle of Gardnerville, NV. Mary is a descendant of the LaFromboise/Beaubien families.



Tribal member Curtis Wick of Napa and son C.J. are descendants of the Bourassa family.



Chairman Barrett presents a blanket to the "wisest" tribal member, 97 year-old Lillian Sanders. Her sister, Helen Sheppard, also was present. They are descendants of the Kennedy family.



Michelle Thurman holds Byrdgett, age 3, while Triston, age 9, stands in front. They are descendants of the Greemore family.



Tom Wilkerson and Vice Chairman Linda Capps visit about Tom's first meeting to a tribal event. Tom lives in Mariposa, CA.

Shanon Berzoza of Bethpage, TN traveled the longest distance. She is a descendant of the Willmette family.



Jeanine and David Gaines with young Luca live in Sacramento, CA. Jeanine is a descendant of the Pappan family.

Richard "Dick" Johnson of Sanger, CA stands with son Mark Johnson of Prather, CA.



Sec./Treas D. Wayne Trousdale and Thom Finks pause for the camera. D. Wayne's heritage family is the Toupin while Thom is a descendant of the Bertrand family.



Sue and Jerry Meyer of Ukiah, CA pose with Deborah and her son Jim Wheeler of Santa Rosa, CA. Sue, Deborah, and Jim are descendants of the Mars family.

## Napa, California Tribal Gathering



Leigh Ann Anderson of Bakersville, CA holds 5 month old Greenlee Anderson. They are descendants of the Weld family.



Attendance at the Napa, California Tribal Area Gathering was very good, as evidenced in this lunchtime photo.





Kate Reardon holds the youngest enrolled tribal member, Jack Riley Reardon, age 4. They are descendants of the Anderson family.

Sec-Treas D. Wayne Trousdale stands with Gerald Whitehead of Bainbridge Island, WA.



Gerald Whitehead was given his Indian name in a private ceremony after the meeting. Those participating were Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Chairman Rocky Barrett, and Legislator Dave Carney.



Clyde Slavin of Vancouver, WA speaks to the audience about his campaign platform.



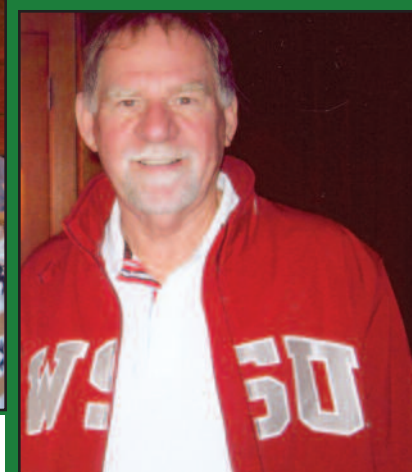
Legislator Dave Carney and CPN staff member Bill Everett pause for a picture. Dave is a descendant of the Juneau family and Bill is a descendant of the Tescier family.



Peggy Anderson, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Chairman Rocky Barrett, and George Edward Anderson pose for a picture.



Lucille (Hernandez) Dwyer is the "wisest" tribal member present. Lucille is a vivacious 85 years old. She is a descendant of the Rhodd family.



Jim Nelson of Rochester, WA attended his first meeting in a long time. He is a descendant of the Ogee/Brant families.

## Woodinville, WA Tribal Gathering



Madeline Reardon, age 8, of Everett, WA is part of the large extended Anderson family

Lunch time is always a "favorite time" at the Tribal Area Gatherings.



William "Ed" Anderson of Whitefish, MT traveled the longest distance and won this beautiful Pendleton bag. Chairman Barrett congratulates Ed for being such a loyal attendee at the CPN meetings for so many years.





The George Chesney family - George, Caitlin, and Cole - are from Anaheim, CA. They are descendants of the Fregon family. They are pictured with Ronda Riley and Marsha Anderson.

## Anaheim, California Tribal Gathering

CPN Gaming Commission Director Jason Greenwalt poses with his mother and dad; Sandra and Galen Greenwalt and their granddaughter Bailey. They are descendants of the Greemore family.



The youngest enrolled member was Ethan Edward Schwartz, five months old. His grandfather is Edward John Schwartz of Apple Valley, CA. They are descendants of the Juneau family.



Aaron, Carol and Mark Haines visit with Adell Burge. Aaron and Carol are descendants of the DeGraff family. Adell is a descendant of the Bourassa family.



Helen Howell, Virginia Graham, and Merlene Harris watch and listen to Chairman Barrett's story telling. They are descendants of the Pettifer family.



Rep. Rande Payne's family members include brothers Terry and Robert; wife Kim, and daughter Rochelle. The Paynes are descendants of the Tescier family.

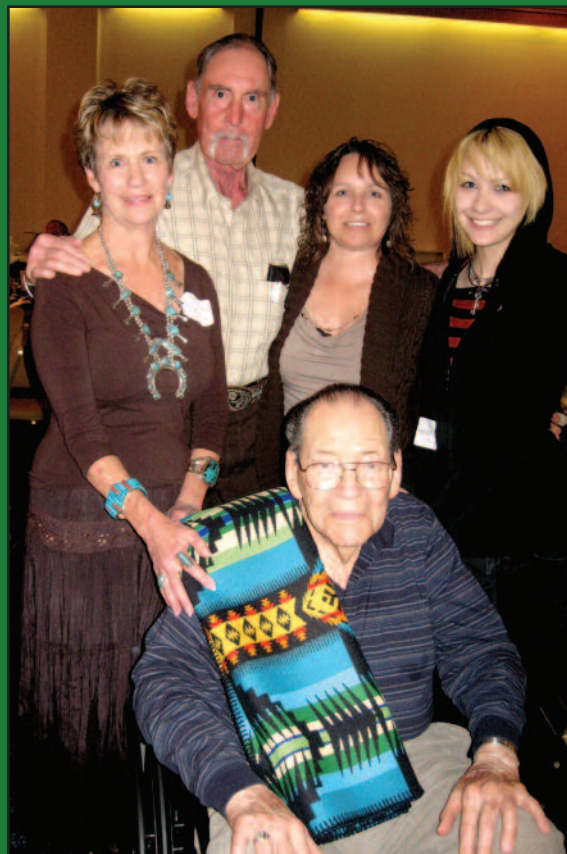


Ron and Randy Schoeman pose with Randy's son Wynn. Ron lives in La Mirada, CA; Randy and Wynn live in Fullerton, CA.

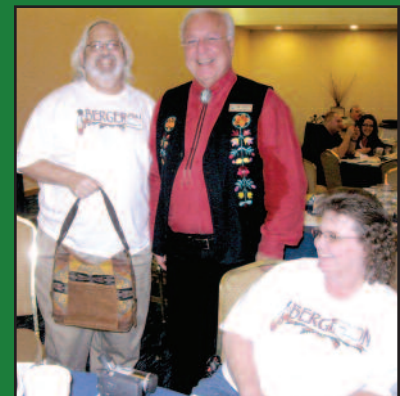


Chuck Goyer, a Tescier descendant, addresses the audience.

The eldest tribal member in attendance was James Whitlow, age 93. He is shown with daughter Karen Gallagher, her husband Rick, granddaughter Teresa Hernandez, and great-granddaughter Mhystie Anderson.



John and Cathy Greenwalt of Taft, CA traveled the longest distance. John is a descendant of the Bergeron family.



Robert Stout Jr. and his mother Jeanne Layman are both from Azusa, CA. They are Hardin descendants.





Betty Daniels and daughter, Mary Brown with husband Jerry, visit prior to the meeting. Betty and Mary are descendants of the Delonais family and reside in Tobyhanna, PA.

District #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney and Walter Hillabrant of Washington DC pose. Ms. Carney is a member of the Juneau family while Walter's heritage derives from the Darling family.



Meredith Upchurch of Alexandria, VA holds a very handsome young man.

# Alexandria, Virginia Tribal Gathering

Kathleen Upchurch, Adele Crump, and Preston Stovall make new friends.



Richard Nourie of Silver Springs, MD is presented a Pendleton blanket by Chairman Barrett. Richard is a descendant of the Bourassa family.



Stephani Klein of West Lawn, PA and Vice Chairman Linda Capps pause for a picture. Stephanie is a former Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP) student. She is a member of the Tescier family.



Amanda Klein's daughter is the youngest enrolled tribal member. Alannah Funk was born in August 2009. They reside in West Lawn, PA.



Micah Amdur-Clark of Silver Springs, MD shakes hands with the Chairman after the meeting. Micah is a descendant of the Navarre/Burns families.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation staff members attending the meeting were Czarina Thompson (Tescier/Nadeau), Charles Clark (Bertrand), and Karen Phillips (Toupin).





Kim Carlyle of Wheeling, IL is the daughter of District #3 Legislator Robert Whistler. She is a descendant of the Frigon family.



George Godfrey and wife Pat are from Athens, IL. George is a descendant of the Bergeron family.

Christine Lisle is pictured with her children, Jared and Kate (far left), and other relatives, Jessica and Samantha Thompson. They are descendants of the Lewis family.



Chairman Barrett and Vice Chairman Capps congratulate Bob Pearl for being the "wisest" tribal member present. Bob, who lives in Parma Heights, OH is 84 years old.



Dan and Kathy Francoeur of Toledo, OH traveled the longest distance. They are loyal attendees at the Tribal Area Gatherings.

Tondra Arenz of Woodridge, IL is proud of daughter Tessa. They are descendants of the Hardin family.



## Chicago Tribal Gathering

Chairman Barrett drapes a Pendleton blanket on Tessa Arenz's shoulders. Tessa is a descendant of the Hardin family. The youngest enrolled member in attendance, she is eight years old.



Dorothy Horak (left) and Kay Mielneczek (right) and their family friend pose with District #1 Legislator Roy Slavin. Roy helped organize the meeting.





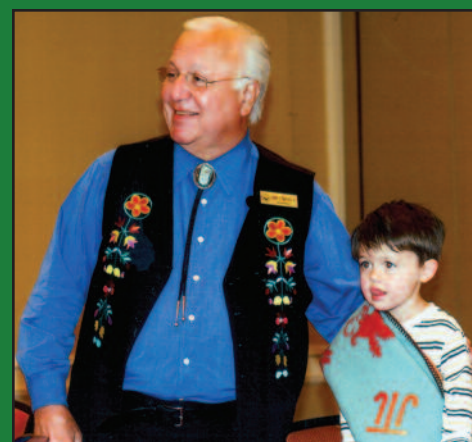


Chairman Barrett hands Roy McCollum of Arvada, CO a printout of his family history.

Chairman Barrett hands off heritage information to Joe Robert Holeman of Broomfield, CO. Joe is a descendant of the Yott family. Nancy Tarter and Laura Green are in the foreground.



Michael Carter of Phoenix, AZ talks about the importance of CPN tribal unity and being involved with your tribe.



Two-and-one-half-year-old Connor Hart of Golden, CO is presented a Pendleton blanket for being the youngest enrolled tribal member present. His mother is Heidi Hart, and his grandmother is Rita Groess. They are descendants of the Dike family.



Jim Smalley and his wife look on as Chairman Barrett checks out a tribal ID card. Jim is from Pueblo, CO. Laura Green is in the foreground with several families, including Joe and Tommy Holeman, the Travis Boone family, Nancy Peterson, and Mickki Langston.

## Denver Tribal Gathering



Sam McCollum of Arvada, CO is once again the eldest enrolled tribal member attending the Colorado meeting. Sam is amazing at 90 years old! The Chairman happily presented this beautiful blanket to Sam.



Marian Coleman of Westminster, CO receives a tribal heritage sheet while sitting next to her daughter, Leanne Pergola, also of Westminster. The Darrel Kennedy family is in the background.



Legislator Gene Lambert of Phoenix, AZ visits with Robert Melot of Palisade, CO.



D. Wayne Trousdale presents the audience current financial information. D. Wayne is a Toupin descendant.



Legislator Gene Lambert gives an overview of her many years of experience with the CPN.



Richard Burns of Pueblo, CO posed for the camera. Richard is a descendant of the Burns, DeGraff, and Navarre families.



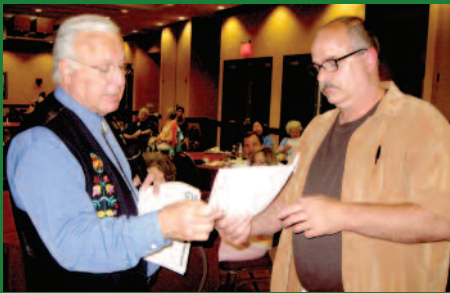
Gerald 'Jerry' Lewis takes a printout of his heritage family from the Chairman. Jerry is from Kremmling, CO. Sitting next to him is Louise Hammack of Denver.





District #2 Legislator Eva Marie Carney visits with Jim and Dell Lemon of El Dorado, AR. Jim is a descendant of the Navarre family.

David Shanks of Carthage, MO is handed his heritage history profile by Chairman John Barrett. David is a member of the Bertrand family.



David and Martha Thomasson of Little Rock, AR sit with David's mother Peggy Pettifer Hill of Murfreesboro, AR. David and Peggy are descendants of the Pettifer family.

Heather Haney of Bentonville holds the youngest enrolled tribal member Kovyn Haney, born in March of 2010. Heather is Curley/Wolf descendant.



District #4 Legislator Theresa Adame of Topeka, KS poses with the McCullar family Jacob, Samuel, and William. Theresa is a Navarre descendant and the McCullars are descendants of the Ogee family.



Lee Lacey of Bella Vista, AR and his mother Lucille 'Tokee' Richard of Shawnee, OK sit with other relatives during the meeting. They are Ogee descendants.

The eldest tribal member present for the meeting was Nettie Poyner of Bentonville, AR. The 87 year-old is a member of the Curley family.



Laurel McCullar of Bella Vista, AR is shown with her guest at the beginning of the meeting. Laurel is Lee Lacey's daughter.



Lucille 'Tokee' Richard (Ogee), Don Laub (Navarre/DeGraff), Nettie Poyner (Curley), and Chairman Barrett (Bourassa/Peltier) enjoyed posing for the camera.



## Bentonville, Arkansas Tribal Gathering



Chairman Barrett and Nathaniel Amdur-Clark of Silver Springs, MD visited about various tribal ceremonies. Nathaniel is a descendant of the Navarre/Burns family.